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To him

Who for many years was my senior associate and my partner;

Who sought to make life significant in terms of eternal values;

Who loved life passionately and clung to it eagerly;

Who faced the future without fear and met it with superb faith;

Who welcomed truth in every realm and trusted Him who
is all truth.

PROLOGUE TO PART ONE

The Counsellor and I were associated for many years. Our responsibilities interlocked until it was difficult to say where the line of demarcation was.

Because of limited vision, he had need of some one as eyes for him. I was the one available. Through the years, he trusted me with many responsibilities. Thus it seems natural for him to trust these messages to me.

Soon after his passing, they began to come from the Inner Planes in ways which I shall explain as clearly as I can. They came so simply from the other side of life, without trappings of any sort and without apparent atmosphere of mystery. Though, of course, it is one vast mystery!

A little Scotch woman was the "receiving station" for the messages in Part One. These came within six months, usually Sunday mornings.

Most of the time she and I were alone. She sat, fully conscious, beside my east window. Twice a third person was present. Once there were four of us. But the presence of others depleted her strength to such extent that it was necessary to limit these hours to her and me.

I sat close at her hand, but not touching her. The first day I asked if it would disturb her if I put on paper what came through the ether waves. "I think you should," she replied quietly. And so I wrote word for word, record which I have kept with meticulous care.

As The Counsellor's words became audible to her inner ears, she repeated them. At times the reception was excellent

and her delivery rapid. Then it was leisurely. When vibrations were especially strong and the theme masterly, her voice was fairly masculine, cords of her neck standing out and her delivery propulsive, as his always was on the platform when he was on the earth plane.

When incoming messages blurred as with static and vibrations became confused, we sat in quiet relaxation until the contact strengthened and the words came clearly again.

If, as sometimes happened, a word or sentence was difficult to understand, The Counsellor repeated patiently until there was no doubt of our having it as he said it. He never left us in doubt of his exact meaning.

The occult had never been acceptable to The Counsellor's beliefs. My rearing had been conventionally orthodox. The messages herein seem, therefore, the more amazing in their revelations of his spiritual progress on the Inner Planes.

In the following chapters, I shall report the strange way of my meeting the "receiving station" and give the messages word for word, as they came through the ethers, from him whom I knew well on the earth plane.

I attempt no explanation of techniques; nor of the strange power which was in active operation. Of the authenticity and veracity of the messages there is no doubt in the minds of those who were close to these experiences.

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BACKGROUNDS

The Counsellor is the dominant figure of this book. Proud of being a Buckeye, he was loyal to his last day on earth, to his native Noble County. He headed high. Mathematics and science were his fortes, mental arithmetic, his hobby.

I have heard him tell many a board of trustees that their figures were wrong. Always they admitted it—finally! His mind was clock-like in its exactness. The distance was “forty six and nine tenths miles;” the hour, “nineteen and a quarter minutes past seven!” I annoyed him with my careless saying that it was about six weeks since this or that happened. Always he came back at me with the exact time, to the fraction of a day.

He chose law as his profession. Later, he turned from it to the church as a career and a conviction. His spiritual vision was unerring, despite long years when his physical eyes were blinded. During those years, he did the most brilliant work of his life.

The 1933 bank moratorium was financial tragedy to him. Squaring his shoulders, lips tight and white, voice hoarse with strain, he said across the desk to me, “We are many thousands of dollars worse off than nothing this morning!” He paused a tense moment. Then, “But we must find the way through. And we shall.” Through the darkness of financial disaster, while he was in Washington, he went often to stand before the great bronze of John Paul Jones. Reverently raising his hat, winter or summer, to the Father of the American Navy, he always reminded himself and me that we “haven’t begun to fight yet!”

He had eleven academic degrees and appeared at length for many years in Who's Who in America. The keys of Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Gamma Mu were scholarly satisfactions to him.

While he was of earth, he did not believe in the possibility of communication between the two worlds. For he says in this book how surprised he was to learn that one could speak from that side of life to this.

Often he said there were possibilities of magnitude for the human mind to explore in regions called occult and he hoped to see the day when search for this knowledge would be accepted in the dignity of scientific service.

His diction was unique. When he used long words, it was because they expressed his meaning better than short words. The language in these messages and the literary style are completely his. They have not been edited.

A relative whom he dearly loved, brilliant lawyer and president of a great university, heard some of these messages read. Repeatedly he interrupted to exclaim, "I can just hear Uncle John say that! Nobody else would say it that way."

The lilt of a phrase gave him the keen pleasure a musician finds in rich chords. The day air mail was first flown commercially, the significance of it impressed him mystically. He handed me a letter and said, "We'll send this sky-ward!"

Four of us went with him one day to the Washington Air Port. He was to fly the continent, Atlantic to Pacific. Like a gallant soldier, he strode ahead to his plane. His head was high. It was his first flight. The light in his eyes revealed new wings to his spirit unfolding. He was headed into great adventure. After that, when he must go, he wanted to fly. Happily he has his wings!

He often surprised us by the vehemence with which he would say, "I hate death!" So it is with peculiar satisfaction that this record demonstrates through his own messages that there is no death!

We call him The Counsellor. Of his many titles, this was the one he loved best.

A DOOR OPENS

On a mid-April afternoon in 1942, my telephone rang. A friend spoke, woman of international reputation—Elizabeth. She told me of a traveler she had met that day in Washington.

This traveler had come to Washington and faced finding rooms in this war-time Capital. Inwardly guided, she stopped in the suburbs to ask directions; following them, she drove across the city to the National Woman's Party Club House, not far from the Supreme Court building.

Walking through its corridors, she was introduced to Elizabeth. As far as they knew, they had nothing in common. But they were drawn together by an invisible force which they did not seek to deny. Chatting in the club library, she told Elizabeth that she had always had the gift of communication with Spirit Realms, as a "receiving station." As they stood talking, the traveler said to Elizabeth, "You have recently lost a dear friend. He is here now!" Elizabeth confirmed the friendship and spoke aloud the name of The Counsellor.

The Scotch lady said to Elizabeth, "He wants you to know how much he enjoyed the long talks he had with you and how he admired your quality of patience." Because of my long association with him, Elizabeth asked whether there was a message for me. Instantly, the "receiving station" who had no previous knowledge of us, answered to the point of exact experience: "He says to tell her that he was distressed at leaving things so incomplete; he begs her only to have faith, more faith than ever, and to know that all is working out for her good." One more word came through for me: "I greatly admired her quality of loyalty."

A week later, Elizabeth called me again. In another chat the little Scotch lady told her, "Your friend has come again and wishes to identify himself by saying that he was very fond of cheese!" We laughed. His appetite for cheese was insatiable, mostly the plain, mouse-trap variety. He had cheese every morning for breakfast, always topped off his dinner with it and frequently had a big snack of Longhorn or other kind at midnight, if he couldn't sleep.

This cheese evidential thrilled us. It made us so certain that he retains his unique characteristics and his active remembrance of life on the earth plane.

Elizabeth suggested that the two of them come to my apartment for a spot of luncheon, say Tuesday, to see what might develop. "Of course we may get nothing," she cautioned.

Tuesday came. My guests arrived. I was not sure how to act for never before had I any contact with a person of occult powers.

This whole matter of which I was a bit afraid, was making

its way with me slowly. I had been prejudiced by my ignorance. But I did have an open mind!

Though we were hoping to contact psychic realms that day, we were yet in the physical.

So I went to the kitchen for finishing touches to the luncheon.

"Would you come here a moment?" she called.

Fork in hand, I came into my living room. The Scotch lady whom we call Tim said at once, "The Counsellor is telling me that not many men wore capes. But he did. It was an Inverness with a large velvet collar, fastened at the neck with a very large hook and eye and when the weather was cold, he wrapped his hands in the cape to keep them warm." Elizabeth and I looked at each other incredulously. We had seen him wear it many times, exactly as he described it to Tim. He loved wearing it and always had a good laugh when people said, "Good morning, Father!" He was so striking a figure in this cape that people turned to look after him as he passed.

He asked Tim to tell me to keep it as long as I live.

"For," said he, "it helps to build a bridge through the ethers."

That afternoon wonderful evidentials came. The Counsellor told Tim, "I was met by the surgeon whom I loved as my own son." Years before, he had taken a nephew into his home, to give him a liberal education. Medical college followed and the nephew became a distinguished surgeon of Minneapolis. Several years ahead of The Counsellor, he preceded him to the world beyond our sight. Who shall doubt but that he met and greeted his Uncle John?

Later that afternoon, along the ether waves, this came, "Life over here is so much more marvelous than anything I had ever imagined." Something prompted me to say that I wished to know about the process of cremation as it applied to him, that being his insistent desire for many years. Instantly this word came, "The disposition of the garment of flesh is inconsequential. The growth of the soul is all that matters." "I am so much more alive than when I was on the earth plane," he told us. I asked Tim whether she supposed he could see again. Like a flash came, "I see as clearly as a youth of twenty!" Having tried for years to be eyes to him, that word thrilled me. How wonderful that he could see again! He said too, that he was much surprised when he found he had made the Great Transition.

IN EARLY MAY

Personal issues were pressing when Tim came to listen with me for such messages as might come from the Inner Planes. With no lapse of time, The Counsellor began to explain to her about one who was making demands on me. Through the years, there were two words he always used when he wished me to stop thinking along negative lines; always the same two words. Through Tim he spoke those two words to me that morning—"Dismiss it!"

If I had needed further convincing that it was he from whom these messages were coming, his "Dismiss it!" would have effaced my doubt. "I will help to alleviate the spirit of the one who is disturbing you." Then again the dynamic "Dismiss it!"

"From the other side of life, I will sweep away obstacles that are oppressing you. I am better able to work for your benefit than when I was held back by physical limitations. I am in power to touch the Divine for your help."

He revealed experiences, sensations and emotions which he had not understood while he was on the earth plane and which closely preceded his passing that mid-February night of 1942. "I had a sense of spiritual sight," he said. "I knew you would not have accepted it. So I did not tell you. For a month before I passed, there was a gradual withdrawal of my soul from earth matters. I was not sure what it meant. The moment my soul left the body, the freedom was marvelous."

Tim's voice was strong as she expressed the vibrancy of his words repeated several times, "There is no death!"

JUNE 5

Tim and I were attuned for whatever would come from The Counsellor. Promptly came his words, "I am proud at having accomplished connection between this side of life and my friend on the earth plane. Communication between us is no more marvelous to you than the knowledge was to me, though I followed the religious path while I was on the earth plane.

"The many years we worked together cemented a bond that not death itself could break! A new door of self expression is open to you; a new avenue of service! The wonderful truths of religion are no barrier to my direct communication with you in the immediate future

"I wish to express my deep gratitude for your constant and faithful care over that protracted period. I am again possessed of all the faculties that are necessary for me to continue my work through you, my friend.

"I will communicate with you quite frequently in the near future. The inspiration that will permeate your brain will be a direct contact with my own soul powers which the Divine conferred upon me.

"The work ordained for me while I was still on the earth plane, I shall continue from this higher Plane of Consciousness. With renewed vigor I take up this spiritual work at my Master's command.

"Fear not! All will be made plain to you. Your future welfare is our concern from this side of life. You have a definite mission to perform. I ask of you who always were so ready to help in every way regarding my welfare while I was still residing on the earth plane, to go forward with confidence, knowing that God works in many mysterious ways."

LATER IN EARLY JUNE

Tim was with me. None too comfortably she said, "I see you as in an iron ring. It encompasses you and your affairs completely. Apparently you cannot move in any direction at present."

Immediately she heard The Counsellor say, "But it will be broken—that iron ring!" A pause, then he spoke again, "These matters will be taken care of. You are to relax and leave them to the Higher Powers. I myself am putting things in motion that will unwind your difficulties."

Sensing my special need for guidance, he added, "We do not wish you to become tense. It is a barrier to help from the Inner Planes. Remember that the Heavenly Powers are much stronger than earth powers!"

A LATE BED-TIME IN JUNE

I was alone. Suddenly I was conscious of invisible activity. The heavy, humid air stirred. There was no breeze. The curtains hung limp. The activity continued.

Then what seemed like a feather passed across my head, over my cheek, down my left arm and hand to the finger tips.

The Counsellor's voice came clearly to my inner ears, the

first time he had spoken directly to me, save for speaking my name.

His manner was commanding. He spoke with sternness and said, "Why don't you take what I give you?"

The invisible activity continued. Then, "—has stopped persecuting you." The familiar voice spoke again. But the tension was gone. His message had reached me. He seemed relieved as he said in a visity tone, "School is out for tonight. And I must go!"

The invisible stirring ceased. Again I was alone.

THE LAST DAY OF JUNE

The Counsellor knew it might be easy for doubt to spring up in our minds about the source of these messages, especially with me who was a novice in these things. So he gave frequent evidentials of homely, personal significance.

Today he remarked through Tim that his feet caused him much trouble through most of his earth life. "This is just to bolster your faith," he added. One day doing a broad jump at the country school, he injured both feet. From then on, they were distress and discomfort to him. No evidential could have been more convincing. "One grows spiritually through suffering," he said that day. "It is the opening road to spiritual consciousness."

A few days prior, a letter had reached me from a dear mutual friend. It brought a gracious offer of help. "The offer in her letter," said The Counsellor, "was my opened door. Her consciousness was awakened to help you. You must accept it, for it is her way of helping her own soul's progress. You will help her if you accept. If you turn it down, you put a stumbling block in her spiritual path." A moment later he added, "When she leaves the physical plane, she will be on a higher spiritual level for having done this."

THE THEME CHANGES

The Counsellor launched at once into a discussion of world problems: "Mankind has come to the cross roads. The choice between the spiritual and the material is obvious.

"People turn often to their churches, asking for bread and are given a stone!

"Because of their sufferings, they question whether there is a God and whether the God they have been taught to pray

to, is still within reach. The great destruction on the earth plane ushers in a new religion. Men demand more truth of the Bible. They have been spiritually blind. I do not say this in condemnation. For spiritual vision in the superior material world is apt to become definitely beclouded.

"My mission is to prove that God's miracles can be performed in this day and age. The day has arrived when the Veil called death, will be rent asunder.

"My own appointed mission is to contact you, my friend, in this manner, so that these established truths may be given out in printed form. This will be to you the most soul-satisfying of any endeavor in a literary manner which you have ever attained.

"We go forth with renewed vigor. We work still in harness together, but our work is now on a more glorious basis. The contact between the spiritual and the physical will be strengthened as time goes on. My earnest desire is to be a forerunner through this contact, with the new Universal Church!

"Encompassed with minds and knowledge from those who have passed the Veil many years ago, I stand comforted and enthusiastic in connection with the mission that lies ahead of me. The faithful pen that worded so many of my thoughts while I was on the earth plane, will work even more rapidly in the future with this wonderful message to mankind—There is no death!

"From henceforth men will communicate with their beloveds who have passed over the border into richer, fuller life. The word that emphasizes this new life is service to others who are groping vainly in the physical body with material burdens too heavy to bear.

"This wonderful truth will come to them with the brilliance of the rising sun. Their dark mantles of depression, fear of want, poverty, suffering and disease, will fall away before the glorious radiance of the true way of soul progression, when once they realize that all which is required is absolute faith, as a child would have in its mother.

"If that faith they once portray in their earthly problems, the Divine Intelligence working through and from these Higher Spheres, will take care of every situation with which they are confronted.

"The Divine asks so little. Yet men in their extremities turn cold shoulders to the solutions of life's major and minor problems."

Changing from world needs to my small perplexities, The Counsellor's voice came, "Your practical, material way will be taken care of in an unusual manner. Our ways are often taken care of in unusual fashion. The same sort of help—spiritual instruments in material bodies—will be sent for your help. Please do not let it trouble you. Your path of life is all planned out. All you have to do is to trust in the Lord, call on your spiritual friend and you shall be comforted.

"Many new friends will seek you out. Do not bother about material things. You will be carried through.

"I am so pleased to have rent the Veil once more. Lay aside the problem. We will take care of the issue. All I ask is faith."

He turned again to the theme which he had been discussing, "A certain sadness comes over my spirit at the thought that so little of the continuity of life is taught in the orthodox religion.

"In the near future, worshippers in every religion will be blest with knowledge of the continuity of life. Then the spiritual fervor of the soul of mankind will transcend the limitations of the physical world.

"Where there is a link binding souls together on the earth plane, that link although it be apparently broken when one enters the door of a newer and fuller life, is only forged the stronger.

"I have better opportunity of helping you now that my spirit is no longer encompassed in a frail physical structure. Remember that I shall be near you in any doubtful or difficult moment. God bless you! I have to leave for the present. Conditions do not permit of further conversation at this period."

MID-JULY

Almost as soon as Tim came this Sunday morning, The Counsellor gave us another evidential saying that "he always wore his watch chain across the front of his vest." Then he launched into the theme of the morning.

"Now as to time! On this side of life, time passes quicker. It is as though everything goes forward at a more rapid rate. We manifest on a quicker rate of vibration and we have to step down—or so it seems—to reach the level and rate of vibration on the physical sphere.

"This is why we think of time in terms of relativity. Your

brilliant scientists generally understand the contact with this fifth dimensional plane but cannot as yet accept the theory of the resurrection taking place the moment the mortal sheds the physical body. My instructors from the Seventh Plane have taught me many wonders. I realize now why my physical eyes were withdrawn in their mortal sight while I was resident on the earth plane. It was that my spiritual sight might become more clearly defined very shortly after the Transition called death.

"It was well. All is well that is ordained from this side of life, because the pattern of man's life is eternal. Destiny is a matter of the soul. As we unfold in character and divinity, time and all which it brings is but relative.

"The glorious future stands out. It is the goal that counts; not the material goal so many seek while in the physical vehicle. Their eyes are blinded to the truths of reality. It is they who are dead. For their eyes see not. The material passes away. It is swift. It is here today. It is gone tomorrow. The true riches are those which do not rust nor corrupt.

"The materialist struck down in the prime of his earthly life is entirely lost when he reaches these Shores of Eternal Life. His gold crumbles to dust before his eyes. It is what he himself has brought over, that counts; not what he has attained with self-satisfaction in his spiritual blindness.

"In making the Transition from the physical to the spiritual, he is like a child that is lost, groping blindly in the darkness with which he has encompassed himself. Such people have shut the door to their own spiritual development.

"They think occasionally of the life beyond. If they live to advanced age, such thoughts cross their minds more frequently. Then they decide to play the role of philanthropist, endeavoring to use gold or its equivalent to advance their souls' growth. This is entirely wrong. It is what a man has built within himself that makes him a candidate for these Higher Spheres.

"A man's worldly wealth is but a loan to him, put into his mortal hands, to see to what use it will be put, either to retard or to help his true self. It is a great test for any man. For the greater the worldly success, the more is expected of that man. If he binds himself with selfishness, arrogance and disregard of the less fortunate, he breaks the trust."

The Counsellor began to speak of the help that is given to those newly come to the Ether Planes.

"If you could only realize what it means to the countless numbers who arrive on these Shores, some not even knowing they have left their earthly garments! A reassuring sentence is like a rope thrown to a man when he is drowning. It is a marvelous life saver!

"They immediately question, 'Where are we?' 'Whence came all these strange faces?' 'Where can we find faces dear to us in former years?'

"I will try to give you a picture of what sometimes occurs. A man will have lost an arm; in some instances his sight. He will say, 'I have lost my right arm.' Our reply from instructors must be, 'Your right arm is there; nothing is lost.' You see one clothes himself by thoughts on these Inner Planes.

"We see the most radiant forms, wonderful manifestations of eternal life, eyes and features that portray the depths of the soul. One is known for what he really is when he enters the spiritual life!

"Many who fell in the last war eagerly greet the sons of their former friends. It is marvelous to see these greetings. The young aviator, shall I say, who crosses to this side of life in the twinkling of an eye, is wonderfully comforted to find his own father's best friend awaiting him.

"Would it seem strange if I tell you that plans for peace are being formulated in these Eternal Realms? Men's minds are trained from the higher side of life, to be ready when the conflict is ended. Their souls are prepared for this greatest of all missions to mankind—a just and lasting peace.

"These men may not be world leaders. Some of them are serving in obscure positions. But it is the spirit glowing through the physical form that counts. There must be a foundation built whereon the peoples of earth can live in security from fear and want. It may seem utopian to think that it can be put into concrete form. But we here are privileged to see what is going to take place.

"The slums of large cities will be eliminated, because through suffering, major minds still in the physical, will endeavor to correct many glaring discrepancies of the past. For how can men's souls grow when even the body is not sufficiently nourished? These victims of men's colossal selfishness are about to be released from their imprisonment.

"There will not be failures from children being placed in the wrong trade or profession. When man is allowed to use

his inherent qualifications to the best advantage, we shall have human society contributing to better citizenship.

"You will be surprised to learn that many will be taught to contact the Inner Planes directly for first-hand information in connection with what earth people call 'wonderful inventions.' Those who are specifically magnetized will be the recipients of the plans for these inventions.

"We in our day, you, my friend, and I in particular, saw many wonderful inventions in operation which we had never before visualized. These marvelous contributions to the welfare of mankind are in the future to be advanced to no uncertain degree.

"In twenty of your earth years, transportation facilities will become outstanding. Methods of this particular time will be obsolete. No doubt it will seem strange to you when I say that I have seen a design fully formed, for a miniature set of wings. These can be firmly attached with a small mechanism to an individual's shoulders and man will propel himself through the air. He himself will be the air plane.

"I shall try to give you a description of this seemingly impossible contraption. One steps into a harness. Tiny wires connect with the battery. Power is released by pressing a button in the switch, on the chest. There is also a device for propelling oneself in the direction in which one wishes to travel.

"All this may seem strange. But fifty years ago, would it not have seemed strange had some one told me that I could hear beautiful music emanating, shall I say, from a box-like affair? The radio was a wonderful invention. But beside what the future holds, that marvelous gift to humanity will seem comparatively small.

"I have digressed from what I originally intended to speak about. The stress of the present period was uppermost in my mind. I am sure you must have wondered what happens to the soldier when he so hurriedly leaves the physical world. I beg of you to give comfort to any parent you may meet who has had such a loss. It is disturbing when they realize how their dear ones are grieving at the loss of the physical form. The voices they looked eagerly forward to hearing again, can still be recognized if they will accept the truths of eternal life!

"At first, emphasize, 'There is no death!' Their dear ones have only entered into a wider field and a more glorious existence. It gives me much pleasure to know that you will

endeavor to clarify people's minds in connection with Crossing the Bar.

"You will come to feel that it is a particular mission which you desire to perform. In the elucidation of these facts, you will help your own soul's growth. You will feel as time goes on, that you become nearer the spiritual than the material side of life. This will give you comfort and assurance.

"Reach out and touch the Infinite! In so doing, life will take on a much deeper and wider concept. In sharing these blessed truths with others, you yourself will grow in God's wisdom and much will accrue from the different steps which spiritually you will take."

LATER THAT AFTERNOON

"You who still reside on the earth plane are stepping into a new era. The spiritual will prevail over the material in men's consciousness. This suffering that is taking place in so many sections of the globe is prelude to the new era. The selfishness that has prevailed in the consciousness of a major portion of humanity, will finally be eradicated.

"The tearing-down process extends over a large area. The innocent, as always, suffer with the guilty. My friend, do not doubt. There is a marvelous plan behind this seemingly senseless destruction. As one suffers, the soul grows. It reaches out when all earthly help fails, reaches into the Beyond, into the limitless expanse of the Divine.

"A new vision will be presented to the minds of leaders in different countries. They who have seen buildings, treasures of art, evidences of culture accumulated through the centuries, swept away in the twinkling of an eye, will realize the futility of earthly aspirations and accumulations.

"They are asking why at the present time, these terrible catastrophes are taking place. The souls of men are being quickened. They begin to see a true meaning of this conflict. Forces of light and darkness are at close grips with each other. The wonderful golden light of spirituality will prevail and men will be taught the lesson of God's will and plan.

"Does it not say in the Bible, 'Am I my brother's keeper?' This, along with the Golden Rule is the concrete foundation of men's religious attitude of the future.

"My heart is filled with love and compassion for those who have suffered. Those who have made the greatest contribution

to alleviation of suffering, have envisioned the Torch of Freedom that glimmers at present, but that will break into a glorious flame.

"This handful of whom I just spoke, are already aware of the continuity of life. They can immediately make the contact necessary for putting workable plans into operation for care of the destitute, the bereft, in these different countries.

"You remember the parable of the loaves and fishes, the food that was brought forth and multiplied. This miracle will again happen. The faith of the few is necessary for the well being of the whole. There will be avenues seemingly miraculous appear for nourishment, so these poor creatures may be temporarily sustained until they can be properly cared for.

"The ones who are spared have a mission to perform. It is all part of the great plan. Through the suffering of the physical, spiritual enlightenment takes place."

I HAVE ANOTHER PERSONAL WORD

On a day when my thoughts were far removed from matters of these messages, I became conscious of that strange, invisible activity which several times preceded my hearing The Counsellor's voice. Clearly there were "presences plain in the place." He spoke my name. Then again. Then, "Get your pad." In a few seconds, "Don't get discouraged; all will be well." Aloud I said, "Don't let me mistake anything." To which came, "Do you doubt me?"

Again his voice spoke, "Times and seasons are not in your hands. They are for us to decide." Still speaking, he said, "God bless you—and He will." Eight or ten seconds later, he followed with, "I'm not through! Guard yourself against the defeat—" (I was not certain whether he said "of" or "or.") But I did not speak.

As clearly as could be, came, "I said 'of.' Guard yourself against the defeat of discouragement. All that comes is from the Inner Planes. Take it that way."

HE SPEAKS OF THE FUTURE

"Henceforth deeper, more significant truths will radiate from these revealing communications beyond ordinary human concepts. They will build ever stronger the indestructible tie that only temporarily changed in outward appearance.

"Changes occur but these changes do not close the doors of communication. You will receive many impressions from me, knowing that it is I who have spoken to you, lifting up the flagging spirit when the physical is exhausted. The strong cord of communication will not be broken. It is only lowered for a while. This flowing of personal experience will continue. Adjustments will be made but you will find your inner consciousness more receptive to the spiritual transmission of messages helpful to your human problems. This is not the end. It is but the beginning. Remember that the path we tread is now illumined with celestial emanations ever precluding dense physical limitations.

"There are many who will question and be keenly analytical of the accuracy and veracity of these vibratory messages based upon the unseen.

"Those who accept unquestioningly the evidences of these messages from the other side of life, are they who have broken through the encasement of their material propensities and the crystallization of their former, rigid orthodox concepts.

"To others who will undoubtedly cast aside lightly these vibrant, living truths, I would say, 'Be tolerant in your attitude; mentally reserving judgment; recognizing as justifiable this elucidation of factors which connect different spheres of the human consciousness that never dies!'"

PROLOGUE TO PART TWO

Tim left Washington in mid-autumn of 1942. The etheric messages which for months had been coming through her, seemed therefore at a standstill. They were not ready for publication. There seemed nothing I could do to make them ready. So I waited!

Two years later, lunching with a friend at New York, she surprised me by relating her experiences of many years with extra-sensory matters. She talked. I listened. She spoke of a woman in Washington through whom many people are helped.

When I was again in Washington, I asked to see her, not giving my name nor any information concerning me. Nor did she seek to find out who I am nor what my interests are. She brought me from the ethers many significant things.

A fortnight later, on September 1, I was strangely restless and went again to see her, not knowing what prompted my going. Almost immediately she told me, "There is a manuscript which is incomplete. The one from whom it came wishes it completed directly through you."

I showed plainly that I did not see how that could be done. Her quick reply was that I had no right to say such things; that I must go home; sit down at my machine; put my hands on the keyboard and promise to take whatever came!

"Whatever," she stressed, "may not at first make connected sense. But you must write it. If only abcdefg come, write them. You will thus establish the contact that is destined for you."

I waved it off. The night was hot. I was tired. I did some-

thing else. On successive nights the same, with underlying sense of irritation at this which I did not want to undertake.

September 8 was humid and hot. When evening came, I sat by my window, reading. No one was in my apartment but me. Had not been for several weeks.

Suddenly, by a power I did not understand and could not explain, I was lifted from my chair, pushed vigorously across my living room floor and put down at the typewriter. How it happened, I do not know.

I ran some paper into the machine, put my hands on the keyboard and said aloud, "Well, here I am!" "And here am I," said he.

In less than a dozen seconds, it began to come, without one irrelevant word, just as you read it on these pages, as clear and distinct to my inner ears as spoken words could be.

When the first message was completed and the voice of The Counsellor had ceased, my apartment seemed alive with spiritual presences. I was deeply conscious of them for hours, in great degree of power.

As the messages continued to come, I wondered why the presences did not come again. Except twice, when they did. The Counsellor tells why. Each night for more than four months, save when I was prevented by earth responsibilities, the messages came. These which appear in this volume are part of the whole, selected with care, and verbatim.

It was difficult to learn to be a channel and to prevent one conscious mental process of my own from intruding. Often I became drowsy and many evenings when the Spirit Planes had tuned out, I could not recall much that had come. The drowsier I was, the more easily the words seemed to come!

Given to me from the Inner Planes, I send them forth in faith and loyalty.

WINIFRED WILLARD

Washington, D. C.

February 19, 1945

From this place on, The Counsellor spoke directly through me as I sat at the typewriter, taking his messages verbatim and not knowing from word to word where they were leading.

W. W.

September 8

Whatsoever your hands find to do, do with your will, with body, mind and spirit. For thus shall you accomplish that which is divinely ordained for you to do in this world.

It is not what you want, but what the Inner Planes decree for you. Thus do, my friend, and don't quibble. Don't fear. Just go ahead. The way will open, the means become apparent and all be well.

This is your work. It will open as you proceed. You are not to doubt; nor hesitate; nor be afraid. Infinite mind is greater than human. Death gives way to life. Here is your open door. I will speak to you whenever you lend me your hands and your mind through which I may work.

There is much to do. Earth people are needy. Your power is considerable. Mine is more on these Inner Planes of higher satisfaction. Just trust your hands to me. I will not lead you astray. Your might will increase as you become familiar with this channel of service. Give yourself up to it and know that I am guiding you aright.

There are many who do not know the way to go. They fear death. They fear life more. It is yours to shed the light of God's love through these writings which will come from me in the days ahead.

Pay no attention to whether others like them. You are not being guided according to human standards but in harmony with the ways of the spirit world. Again I say to you that this is the best thing that ever happened to you. Your horizons are being extended, your faith strengthened and the ways of your service amplified beyond anything that you have ever dreamed.

The material side is being taken care of. You have nothing to fear in that way. The spiritual is the thing for which many hearts are hungry. I am in power through you to lead them to Living Waters and to the Bread of Life. Keep your hands free and your mind open. Do not try to anticipate my thoughts. They will flow more freely without help from the earth side. Just be receptive and patient and keep on knowing that good is destined to come out of all this. I know whereof I speak.

The other side of life is more radiant than you can dream at present. There is such glory here as the world does not imagine.

Your aloneness has been the preparation for your carrying this comfort to the many who think that death ends all. It is only the beginning of life transcendent. You must be obedient and faithful as you always were when I was with you in the flesh. I am with you in ways of greater power now than ever. I have been assigned to work with you to the end of preparing many who do not yet understand the ways of God with man. You do not. But you are learning. You have much to learn; much to overcome; much to acquire; much to give.

Through you I shall give my messages to people of earth who need them and can interpret them helpfully. Do not be discouraged if sometimes this comes slowly. It will come surely. For this I have been prepared since I came over here. The way for you has been hard. But it has been the way of your spiritual development. And isn't that worth all it can cost?

For this service you are not dependent upon any one of earth. You will feel my presence and know my power as you sit at your machine, receptive to the spirit world. As we work together again, all of this will come easier and you will have no sense of tense anxiety. You will know you are being guided and that all is well. Do not fear that you are being misled.

This is all for tonight. God bless you! And I bless you! This is a glorious highway we shall travel together. Good night!

September 9

Whatever comes is for your good. Take it that way. And be grateful. Have no fear lest you may not hear my message. I shall see that you do hear. From out these vast reaches of Eternity will come wisdom which man is yearning to know about those things which have been inscrutable mysteries.

Mankind is wielding enormous power for good in this dire world conflict, power that will transmit itself into righteousness when the day of din is over. You are a little anxious tonight lest I do not come to speak to you. Be not anxious nor afraid. This is ordained from the highest and nothing can stop it except your reluctance to offer me your hands and mind through which I may work.

You have wondered why it was to you so long a time in which I did not speak to you in any deliverance such as had

come through in those earlier days. It was that you might ripen in the knowledge which you had acquired of my enduring personality and undiminished powers to transmit to earth something of the glory that is the spirit world. Nothing of earth can compare with it.

Our days here are very busy with the multiplied millions who are coming from battle to these peaceful shores of immortality. They come in bewilderment, seldom in pain, but always wondering what has happened to them. They find it difficult to conceive that they are dead. For they are so alive! They are so light! All the old heaviness is gone. Radiations of light and love entirely surround them, healing the wounds of war and beginning to build them up into permanent stature as children of the Kingdom. You are not to be afraid that I will not stay and finish a message when once I have begun it with you. Tenseness complicates the issue and I ask you to relax and be free and easy. I stand beside you as I give you these messages.

Oh, my friend, learn to depend wholly upon the Infinite for everything you need! There is nothing that His goodness and glory cannot accomplish for you, even to taking away your loneliness. With the passing of time you will sense my help more keenly than in the past. That is part of the order of growth. And you are growing.

Over here we all grow. Life is not static with us. Always there is more to learn and more to do in carrying out the Divine purpose among people of earth who are becoming more and more aware of the power of the spiritual. I am leading you to greater heights of interpretative power than you would have thought possible.

You belong more to us here than to your small circle on the earth plane. Turn more and more often to the spiritual side of life, my friend. It has the enduring quality that counts, that cannot pass away. Temporary values are gone with the speed of thought. But the things of God abide and meet every emergency which can come to the human heart.

Remember that you are not alone. Cohorts of beauty and spirit radiance hover about you often and their vibrations change the tenor of your thoughts to higher levels when the physical would tend to be depressed.

God's plans for His children are more marvelous than can be comprehended by mortal mind. Over here on these higher planes where we are not cumbered about with the weight of

the physical, we see and know so much more than is given to earth people. It is of these things that I wish to speak through you. You will be the medium of great power to comfort and help those whose burdens are heavy. I shall empower you with words from on high and you will always know that the words you speak are with authority. Remember; I am guiding you into all truth. And all is well.

You are not to feel responsible for words which I shall speak. They will come through in ways which are right and when you read them, you will see how right they are. Don't think for a moment but that I have been under instruction here. We are taught on rigid schedules and our every power of concentration is given to the lessons which we are assigned. None of it is drudgery. It is all compassed about with love. Light shines on our spirits and learning our lessons is sheer joy. Always it is this way over here, where we go from one level of service to a higher, reflecting the glory that is God. The power of the Divine is round about us all the while.

Don't ever again let anybody with whom you have influence think of death as darkness and cold, as the end of all. Death is the opening door to such development of personality, such increase of understanding, such radiance of concept of God's plan for humankind, as before my Transition, I could not have comprehended. Take that from me with the confidence you always reposed in my every earth word.

Death is light and life and glory and beauty and service. It is life relieved of its weight of suffering and limitation; life raised to the nth degree of intelligence and always reaching out toward higher levels of Infinite glory. It is the order of the universe. I beg of you to do all in your power to keep people from fear of it.

It is not a dark river; nor a time of great fear. It is the coming Home to the Father's House, to those who are happy to welcome you, to activities that call forth one's best effort in all the new and increasing power that comes when one lays aside the garment of flesh for the immortal coverings.

Death? No! I used to say that I hated death. I spoke with the limitation of the human. It was great deliverance from the frail body of unusual limitations to the freedom that I cannot explain but which characterizes these realms. How gladly you will sense it all when you come over here! And you will not fear, for you will know more than many do, of the glory that awaits your coming.

I used to think that the trappings of death as we observed them in the physical, were significant. They mean less than nothing. For all of life that counts is the spirit. Nothing can matter much which is purely material. But it does matter whether our spirits are centered in God and whether we are concerned in helping to bring about the fulfillment of His eternal purposes. This is a theme too vast to discuss now. Later, perhaps.

We are at the beginning of an unusual experience for which we both have been prepared and for which we shall be equal. You will see from day to day the enlarging scope of it. And you will thrill to your part in it. I am off now for the night. God bless and keep you and guide your feet in paths of pleasantness. This is no inconsiderable service which you will be rendering. I am so eager for the significance of it to grip you! But now, good night!

September 10

God bless you, my friend! I was waiting for you to be ready.

God is the one hope of this world in the present maze and in all the future when mighty changes will be taking place. Do not be misled into thinking that the minds of men alone can chart the course of life in the peace-time world.

Life is governed from these Spirit Planes and in harmony with the laws of the Divine. He who transgresses the law, must pay the penalty. Always it is so. Watch that you do not fail in understanding the significance of this which is fundamental in God's plan. Sometimes contact with the earth plane is confused, because your vibrations do not synchronize with ours. But always it does clear and my words will come through to you.

Many people wonder how it can be that I have been able to communicate with you. They think that such communication is impossible. I say to you that it is often done by those spirits that are in tune and that in the future it will more often be the channel through which God's will and purposes will be made known to mankind. Do not hesitate to let your faith in such communications be made known, for in so doing, you will strengthen others who are in doubt.

If I can come through in ways like this, you ask why others who may wish to have the same experience, do not succeed. The reason is manifold. They may not have the spiritual power or their desires may be grounded in selfish

ambition instead of in unselfish desire to serve the Kingdom of God.

For you must know that in the invisible realms are spirits who do not seek the goodness of God nor reflect the white purity of His life. When they strive for earth contact, their motive is selfish and their goal is disconnected from human good.

Some who would like to speak to their dear ones on the earth plane have not yet acquired the knowledge or skill that makes possible these cosmic communications. Technically, it is a matter of electrical vibration and of regulating this in harmony with Infinite wisdom.

You would be surprised if you knew how many and what wonderful inter-world lines of communication are in operation these days. The line of demarcation between your world and mine is very faint. It grows fainter as time passes and you become more familiar with and less afraid of the mysteries which I shall reveal unto you.

Do not try to think ahead with me. Just listen and make very sure that whatever comes clearly is for your good and for the help of others.

Life over here is ordered after a definite pattern. Each one who comes brings just what he has built into his life during the earth years, be it little or much. The one so rich in things of earth may be pathetically destitute of qualities of goodness that characterize life on these Spirit Planes. He does not see why his wealth does not stand him in good stead. It is because his wealth was wholly material. And no man may carry the material over to these spiritual realms. Guard that well and look to it that material successes do not loom too large. They are no more to be depended upon than any will o' the wisp. Do not put your trust in them. As long as you remain in the physical, you must have that with which to meet the needs of the earth life. But do not set your heart upon any of that which is as transient as the on-sweeping wind.

You remember how often we used to talk of your dear ones. I have seen them all—your father, your mother, your sister. The little brother I have not yet met. It would comfort you to know how constantly they watch over you and with what joy they see your growth in things of the spirit. When you come to join us here, your welcome will be royal. Every obstacle that has been surmounted, every fear that has been dispelled, every antagonism conquered, gives you that much

wider an entrance into these eternal realms. Do not doubt, my friend. You are building each day that which you will need when you join us here. Even the little things of daily life and the spirit in which you meet and vanquish them, tell in the total of your enduring achievements.

Nothing that is good, is little. Only that which can stand the test of the white light of God's truth, is good. Here the true record stands and shows us for just what we are. The poor of earth are often very rich in the values of Eternity.

PATIENCE ILLUMINATED

Patience is a quality not always easy to manifest. But it weaves into the fabric of the eternal pattern and is one standard by which over here, one's growth is determined. Yes, my friend, you will need patience in receiving and recording these messages. Just as in radio, there are many lines of radiation electrically, but I am in power to overcome and to carry these talks through you to those of earth who need and will use them.

Patience even with little things and little minds characterized our Lord during His life on earth. As you pass through the years, you will see increasingly how sublime a quality patience is.

It is not negative. It is positive, compounded of loyalty and love and willingness to serve in whatever ways and places the Divine decrees. Peace grows with patience and determines much of the texture of life and living.

When I was so recently with you on the earth plane, my quality of patience often did me no credit. Over here, I have learned what a mighty force it is and how far forward it sets one on the spiritual path.

Cultivate patience, Divine, Infinite patience, with petty details and insignificant issues, and you will acquire a God-like quality of character which will stand you in good stead while you are in the physical and after you have made the Great Transition and joined us here.

I had not thought to speak of this tonight. But it enters into the composite of Truth which has as many facets as there are grains of sand on the shores of all the seas. Truth can not be limited. It bursts all bounds when it is restricted, just as new wine in old bottles. Truth cannot be limited to any group or sect or creed. It is infinitely free to all who seek it with open heart.

Because so many men have sought to confine Truth to their puny wishes, it has been misinterpreted and misunderstood. But Truth is its own strength and stands forth in pristine beauty, however men have sought to warp its values.

Truth, evaluated after Divine and eternal standards, is mankind's stronghold. It will never lead him astray; never disappoint him; never fail him when he seeks it with his whole heart. As a measuring rod, Truth can be depended upon to solve many perplexing problems. Keep close company with Truth. And you will be laying up for yourself much treasure on these Eternal Planes.

And now a personal word! Do not be disturbed when occasionally my words come more slowly. It takes some of this patience of which I was just speaking for us to become accustomed to this manner of communicating. But fear not! All is working out and you shall see many wonders as you come closer to the heart of the spirit world.

God's love be over you; His peace flood your heart; the way of His working be increasingly clear to you! Through it all, know how grateful I am that I am privileged to take up anew these messages directly with you. Radiations are thus much stronger, much clearer, and by that much, more convincing. Good night and may God bless and keep you!

LIFE ON THE COUNSELLOR'S PLANES

September 11

I want to make more clear some things that have bewildered the minds of men. Here on these Ether Planes, time as you know it does not exist. There is no day nor night. We need no rest for we have left behind us on the earth plane all the gross weight of the body. And we have become ministering spirits.

This is something which mortal minds do not easily understand. Men have had such misconception of that which is called death. Some think it is eternal sleep. Some think it is purgatory. We used to hear much about hell fire and brimstone, yes and the lake that burned with eternal fire in punishment of those who had not accepted God and Jesus Christ Whom He had sent.

Since I came over here, I have learned better. God does not punish. He is not a cruel God. He would draw all men

unto Him. But in coming, they must follow the law which governs cause and effect. To the evil doer, the law is fearsome. You remember how it says in the Bible that the righteous are as bold as a lion but the wicked flee when no man pursueth. From these High Planes, we see that law in constant operation. It cannot be otherwise since Divine laws are never abrogated. Fear them not, for they are founded in love that is Infinite and in wisdom that transcends all human concept. Law is love just turned the other way round. It meets every human need and will carry civilization through to safe harbor when men learn that their own wisdom is foolishness compared to God-wisdom. Slow indeed are they to learn!

Here there is no desire to evade but always to fulfill; always to go with the law of love and growth in the things of the spirit. There are no cross purposes here. We are at unison one with another and our one ambition is to know more of the ways of God. As His might unfolds before us and His eternal purposes clarify before our eager eyes, we are moved to such adoration as the hearts of the human cannot conceive!

The greatness of the Creator, the Infinity of His Wisdom grow upon us here where the atmosphere is alive with His glory. Let no one tell you that coming over here is a thing to shun or to dread. It is like stepping out of murky mist and fog and darkness into the glory of the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The day I came so suddenly, I could not imagine that I had laid aside the body which had been the abode of my spirit these many years. I had never wanted to die. Always I had shunned it, though I was not lacking in faith while I was with you on the earth. It came so quickly, in a twinkling. And here I was on the Far Shore, the old, broken body left behind and my spirit robed immortal! For a while it was difficult to adjust to the new order. My thoughts travelled quickly to the earth plane. My heart grieved at some of the things you were called upon to endure. It was divinely ordered that Tim should come to you and that through her, help would reach you from these Inner Planes.

How surprised you were and how incredulous at the messages which first came through! You wondered whether it could be true that they were coming from me whom you knew so well in earth activities. So I gave you my personal statements to strengthen your faith and assure you that it was I speaking, different only in that I was no longer held back by

the body. Otherwise, the same as you knew me so many years. I beg you to believe just that.

Here we communicate by the power of thought and we have nothing to hide from any one else. We are purified by the love of God and we grow from one stage of development to the next higher, until we shall come into the full stature of likeness with Him! The teaching of the orthodox church as I look back upon it, seems iron-clad and lacking in qualities of Godlikeness which would draw men to the church and through it, to God and His service. I do not say this in a spirit of cavil. But because I have come closer to the essence of all Truth and all Love.

From these exalted Planes, I would that I might breathe into the heart of the church more of the spirit of the Christ and show them who minister how relatively unimportant and insignificant is much upon which great stress is laid. The church is endangered by over-load of superficials and by desire to shine in the eyes of men.

If only upon their Altars there burned the Flame that cannot be extinguished! If only from their pulpits came just the simple, sweet things of Truth which endures for all Eternity! If only it were the voice of the prophet knowing himself the representative of God and burning to carry His message!

The church is not destined as a social agency. It should stand only for those things which speak of God and His enduring power to save. Oh, my friend, such a church could have averted this world holocaust had it not been bound about with things essentially of the earth.

A great day is coming soon when its Altars will glow with live coals of Messianic power and purpose; when its corridors will ring with the unchanging story of the God-head and His unfailing purposes for this universe of His creating. When that day comes, there will be no question of people willing to serve. Their hearts will impel them to live and to serve in true radiance of Christian discipleship. Then shall there be a mighty turning from the husks of life to that which satisfies. And Love shall pervade the entire world. Then shall the lion lie down with the lamb. And then shall earth know war no more!

War comes when love is not; comes from greed for such power as is a broken reed; when the material has overshadowed the spiritual and when for the most part God has become relegated to the back seat.

But the throne of the Eternal is of the endlessness of time, without beginning or end. The toys of mankind, their ambitions and aspirations, are like a puff of wind that vanishes in an instant of earth time.

It will be a glad day for earth when this change comes. More and more men are coming to look for essentials in their spiritual life, things to which they can pin their faith. Slowly in many parts of earth, groups are gathering with whom the Word of Truth abides and upon whom the Spirit of Truth rests. These groups are like light houses to which men look who are all but ship-wrecked on the shoals of materiality and who need to re-chart their courses in life by the Star of Bethlehem.

It is all so clear to us over here. We wonder why you of earth see it so dimly, which thing I say in absence of any spirit of criticism; only in grief at what so many hungry people are needing and wanting on which to feed their souls, when all the time it is within them where the Infinite dwells!

The technique of this team work between you and me is proving easier than you had thought. Your hands and mind are wholly subservient to my wishes. You will have your reward through knowing you have done your part in a great piece of Christian and cosmic service, straight from the Inner Planes to the hearts of mankind. Let that knowledge rest upon you as a benediction and abide with you as a blessing.

It is great joy to me here, as I know it is to you there, that we go forward together again as partners in a great Christian adventure. We shall make glorious headway. As I fulfill my mission over here, you are growing in the richness of the spirit. That pays a better dividend in eternal values than any other thing in life. Thank you for your hands tonight and for your mind through which these words have come from the Inner Planes. I am off now to serve in the far quarters of earth where men are suffering and where they need the help we can give them. It is blessed service. Good night!

YOUTH AND WAR AND GOD

September 12

I would talk with you now about the soldier and his coming to these fields of light out of all kinds of sore struggle and bitter conflict. Many of them are mere boys, untutored and

not understanding the issues that underlie this dire conflict. They should have been the mainstay of the future generation except for the rampaging of the god of war, loose throughout the world now for years.

This global issue is about to be terminated and these young soldiers will return to the ways of peace which latterly they have all but forgotten. The transition will be difficult for them. They have been accustomed to obey. And when no longer are there orders, these youth will flounder. They will be like ships without rudders. Some of them, many of them, will ground upon the sandbars of sensual and material decay. Their pattern of life has been despoiled and few there be who know how to re-draft a map of human behavior that will be adequate and satisfying. The leadership of the nations falls far short of the high planes of understanding and of spiritual concept that should be the foundation of all such plans.

God alone is wisdom sufficient for this mighty re-vamping of civilization's pattern. Unless He is taken into the councils of war and peace, futility awaits. And the world faces a peace debacle of gigantic proportions. Seldom do those in the seats of the mighty realize their utter impotence. Only when in humility and earnestness they ask for wisdom from the Fount of all, are they guided in far-flung ways of righteousness.

That is more an issue today than materials of peace and war. This of which I have been speaking is ultimate in the final setting up of a new civilization out of what is largely a wreckage of the old.

Youth is the greatest loser. Snatched into conflict before it was prepared for understanding, it returns bewildered, to try to pick up the threads of living, only to find that it does not know how to weave. This is the most awful price of war. Beside it, material costs shrink to nothingness.

Many of these youth found a new sense of God as they flew the highways of the air or ploughed their way through unbelievable jungles or unflinchingly faced down-pouring torrents of enemy steel. To most of these, God had been merely a name, empty name at that. But when all else seemed against them, somehow there appeared to their needy hearts a sure knowledge that God was equal to whatever they needed.

He knew the highways of the blue empyrean when the pilot's compass was gone. He showed them lanes through the watery deep. He was food and drink to them and the one influence that held their minds calm, their courage steady.

He was so close to them they felt they could reach out and touch His hands; so close that their whispered words reached His ears; so near and so dear that they wondered how they had ever lived without Him.

This God whom they found through long, torturous nights when danger lurked on every hand and there seemed no way through, is not a denominational God. His love reaches beyond the utmost bounds of man's thoughts and includes any color, any creed, any human.

Here on these Celestial Planes there is no distinction. All are the creation of Infinite Mind. All are the children of His love. If only the church and the world will see and follow that in the days ahead when there must be so much reorganization, it will be great gain for the Kingdom of the Highest.

Then the God who became real to millions in the heat of world conflict, will have readier access to their lives when they return to living that is devoid of such physical danger when it is easier to think the human is sufficient.

How strange a concept men have that we who have passed the Veil, have no missions to perform and no lessons to learn! We go everywhere under orders from our instructors, assigned to minister to any who need us.

As they pass the boundary between the human and the spiritual, their faces often glow with surprise and joy at what they see and begin to experience. The experience called death is really a promotion card which entitles us to go up higher, to share greater joys and to learn deeper, richer lessons of eternal purposes and plans.

I would I could impress this upon the hearts of humankind. Most of them think of death as the Dark Valley, symbol of irretrievable loss and sadness. It is as far from the truth as high noon is unlike the darkness of moonless midnight. It is the climax of the human cycle, the end of one phase of existence and the beginning of a better. Please feel that part of your service is to help establish this brighter, truer acceptance of the transition from one plane to the other and of the joy which it represents.

Your way ahead is clear. Your path is bright. Have no fear of any threatening cloud. When disturbance appears, turn your heart toward the Infinite. Just know that in Him dwells all good, all joy, all peace and satisfaction. Know too, that all you can ever need—and more—is ready and waiting for your

help. Real achievement awaits you. It will open before you in ways that will surprise you, and bring comfort to your heart. Take what offers itself and know that it comes from the Inner Planes.

Again let me tell you that your welfare is our concern and all your needs will always be met. This is part payment for the loyalty of your spirit and for the unflinching quality of your service through long years when you sacrificed yourself to do for me at my need. Other influences crowd in upon me at this time and I bid you goodnight and God speed. You are under our constant watch care. And no harm will befall you!

GLORIES OF THE SPIRIT WORLD

September 13

Tonight the vibrations are criss-crossing. But the channel will clear and my voice come through to your inner ears. Did you ever know the Inner Planes of Spiritual Power to fail when once they begin a mission to hearts of the human? That is part of the joy of service over here on this side of life. Always we are in power to carry through when once we have begun!

It was hard for you, following Tim's departure, to feel that your source of contact with me was closed for you. But do you not remember that I said through her that the line of communication would not break and that the door would not close?

The messages which preceded these were all for which you had faith at that time. You had to learn little by little and your faith reach out to absolute assurance that each message originated with me.

Thus there were many personal references that were tonics for your faith and revealers that communication between these two realms is feasible. Just two and a half years ago, as you of earth reckon time. But you were so new in the realm of the occult that you had to begin with the simplest of lessons.

In the period intervening, I too, have learned much and now am privileged to share through these daily missions to you, some of the glory that permeates the higher reaches of spirit existence.

Colors abounding here are beyond compare. They are like nothing to which I might liken them for your earth under-

standing. Shades and harmonies of coloring on every hand are like a great, swelling symphony. How I wish I might describe it to you! It is as lavish as all other forms of beauty with which the Master Designer has glorified His universe.

Your scientists sometimes in their limited wisdom declare that if there were a heaven, its locations and dimensions would ere this have been discovered among the starry systems. They fail to appreciate that things which are unseen are eternal and that nowhere in God's Word is it said that the Kingdom of Heaven is a material or physical location. It is wholly spiritual and thus may not be seen with physical eyes nor measured by the dimensions of physical science.

The Spiritual Planes are the realest things in the universe, peopled by those who have come up through tribulation, who know only the desire to come closer to the heart of the Infinite and to reflect His love in such service as they are assigned to render.

The color radiance of which I spoke is only one manifestation of spirit glory. We here have such magnificence of verdure, plants and trees and flowers, as the earth does not conceive. Each leaf, each bud and flower, seems bursting with perfection of beauty. I have seen so many varieties here in this rarefied atmosphere, of which earth planes have no knowledge.

How can mankind dwell in thought on the tomb and the dankness of the grave?

There is music too, with harmonies so marvelous that the limitations of the human could not endure them; tuned to such lofty vibrations as only ears of the spirit can catch. No wonder the angel songs on Christmas Eve continue to echo through the hearts of men! They are manifestations through harmony of sound, of the glory that is God! When you come to hear the angelic choruses sing His praise, you will know what it means to worship and adore!

When I was with you in the human and through the period of my physical blindness, it meant much to me to lift up my voice in song. Always my spirit soared as I sang until often I was able to forget the limitations of the human and to imagine that I was having a foretaste of the radiance which now I enjoy without limitation. Those simple songs of God and His goodness were carriers on which my soul surmounted its human bounds and leaped Godward where always it found rest and peace and comfort from the perplexities that filled the days.

Music comes most easily to express the glory of God and affords an outlet of worship for the aspiring spirit. How I can sing now, with all my being overflowing in adoration to Him Who loved me and brought me through the years of earth life to this place of greater development!

Tune the ears of spirit to listen for melodies coming through the ethers, melodies that are not of the earth. You can learn to attune your hearing until your life can be transformed by even occasional snatches of celestial song.

How I wish I might open all this to those who think that life is drab and dreary! There is no drabness to those who are attuned to spiritual levels, even though they must make their ways through the routines of earth life and negotiate the affairs of living against odds.

It is all a question of whether the heart is centered on things of earth which so often disappoint; or whether it seeks that which is of the spirit which never disappoints! The downward pull is strong. But the resources of Almighty God are beneath and roundabout every one who seeks to reach higher planes of life and understanding.

My instructors from the Seventh Plane tell me that never since the earth was created out of the void, has there been such chaos among people on the earth plane as now. Why? Because men have loaded life with temporary, transient and foolish ambitions for power which they do not know how to use; for sensual display and luxury which enervate and never bring satisfaction or growth.

Thus the seeds of things which men have sowed have grown and choked the flowers of spirituality. The power they have sought has turned in upon them. These things of the earth have wrought sad havoc with the children of men. Not until the people of earth turn in sincere humility to God and ask for His will and His way to be revealed, will a new and enduring order of justice develop among the nations.

Intellect alone cannot accomplish this. Leaders think brains alone can chart the new order of life. Brains wrought much of the downfall of the governments of earth. For the brains were not centered in the will of God. The law works unfailingly and "As you sow, so shall you also reap."

The glad day will come when men will see the folly of trying to build without taking God into their plans. It comes sooner than many think. It is the one hope of a civilization

that can stand against the onslaughts of greed for place and power. Of this I shall speak at another time.

I leave you now with my blessing. I give you God's blessing and may His sweet peace rest upon you and abide. Tomorrow night in terms of your earth time, I shall speak of other matters of great moment. And now, good night!

NO DEATH!

September 14

I greet you tonight from these Far Shores. They are not so far, either, for we make the journey in a breath, in the twinkling of an eye. It is not from life to death but from life to more life, as one moves from one level of achievement to the next higher.

By earth thought, the passing has been made a time of great sadness, draped around with thoughts of gloom. Every physical aspect of death has been magnified and intensified with the negative, until it is no wonder that those who lose loved ones, allow themselves to be overborne with grief.

If loved ones were taking any other kind of journey into lands of beauty and glory, how we would rejoice! How much more when they slip the bonds of earth limitation and find themselves free to expand, to see and to serve in ways beyond the scope of earth. Everything is to gain by their coming!

But the glorious significance of it has been all but swallowed up.

It is only a shadow that passes like a watch in the night. Then shines the light that knows no darkness; the day that never is swallowed up by night! Why cannot earth teachers feel and believe this? Why does not the church hold this aspect of physical death convincingly before the minds and hearts of its followers? The reason is because so few who should be speaking with the thunder tones of the prophet see much more clearly than the multitude. The day must come and it is coming when they who minister will themselves have been on the Mountain of Transfiguration. They will have seen beyond the earthly to glory such as has been revealed only on the heights. They will have been baptized into sorrow and learned through it that life has no beginning nor ending and that laying aside the physical, means using that which is never subject to decay nor to the ravages of age.

It is so glorious a transformation that hearts should rejoice at the promotion. False teachings of eternal punishment and all that has been attached to it, with the fear that is part of the dread of death, are largely responsible for this misinterpretation of the Divine Master's plan.

Never lose opportunity to throw light upon the joy of the Transition and to show that life in this other Realm where I now am, is a place of growth where we move from one level to a higher as we learn our lessons of God's will and plan and as we become equal to service to His needy children wherever they be on the earth plane.

We go on wings of light to such human darkness as is hard to comprehend. We seek always to alleviate pain and suffering and distress of every kind. We do not go always as spirits from this Realm but often in physical form, to offer the succor that is needed. All of this is under the careful planning and instruction from those who have been many aeons in this Celestial World and have come close to the power of the Godhead. Their wisdom is drawn from the never-failing Source of all wisdom and becomes dynamic through contact with All-Power.

Thus miracles are worked everywhere. Men say that this and that happen. These things of great wonder do not happen, as earth people use that term. Marvelous things come to pass through the miracle-working power of the Creator.

Do you remember that early in the messages I said to you that my mission is to prove to earth people that miracles can and do appear now, as in the days when the Son of God walked the highways of His beloved Palestine? It is worth all the discipline that the human can endure and that the grace of the Infinite can impart, to be counted worthy of such service!

Are we recognized in our relations to this other realm? What matters that? All that matters is to serve in the name and the might of Him Whom we adore.

You have many times been visited by us in your earth home when you did not know that we were with you. Sometimes I have come alone. Some of these times you will see me with your physical eyes. But that is less significant than for you to realize how the sudden up-lifting of your spirit, the quick relief from great weariness, the surprising surge and sense of spiritual contact reach you in time of your need and do for you what human presence could not do. You must keep open heart and receptive spirit so as never to fail of royal welcome to these visitors from the Realms of Light!

In the earth sense, you are so alone, so deprived of human companionship, that you have been the object of our special consideration. Many times we have sent you help the spiritual origin of which you have not surmised. And under the ordeal of earthly aloneness, you have turned to higher things and have grown in values that never fall below par. This is the best investment you can ever make!

Tonight I would speak further of matters that are of real import. It is hard to get the right perspective on life when sometimes we feel too close to its problems. But unless we see a picture in true perspective, it is out of focus, blurred and befogged. (Patience a moment until the contact clears!) You are manifesting the same quality of cooperation now with these messages as you always did when we served together on the earth plane. Always your dependability held true.

Such a series as this one can come only on direction of those wiser than I and more empowered with the wisdom of the Infinite. Under their guidance, these doors are opened and as much is given as will answer a certain purpose.

If any of your earth circle take exception to any portion of this which comes, pay no heed. For as you are the earth channel offering your hands and your mind, I also am the channel through which wisdom of the ages is made available for earth acceptance.

It is marvelous to be a part of the sweep of such cosmic forces; to work directly with the Spiritual Realms instead of being bound down to the dimensions of earth tasks!

You should grow through this experience until never would there be any tendency to impatience or to lowering the standards of excellence to which the children of the Highest may attain.

I do not say this critically. But I am so eager for you to prove the adequacy of the spiritual in every detail of your living! For I know some things that are ahead for you in which you will render marvelous service.

Stretch up through the details of the days! Grow with every passing hour! Absorb every gem of wisdom which is imparted to you! Make it yours in the warp and woof of your being! And be ready to transmit it to those who are very hungry in their spiritual natures.

There are those who will question you and be incredulous about this contact and these messages. If they are sincerely

seeking light and truth, you will be in position to give them what their hearts desire. If their minds are barred against any except traditional ideas, keep your treasures of knowledge and wisdom from the other side of life until they can be more wisely used.

Always there are doubters who seem not to wish to learn. Our Lord met them in His earth days. You will. Have no dread, no fear that you have failed, no resentment against them, no concern except to be used in right ways when the time is ripe.

I wish I could tell you more of the ways of life over here. But as I could not have comprehended it while I was yet in the physical, so you cannot comprehend it while you are of the earth. But rest assured that it transcends anything of which the mind of man has conceived. It makes all the suffering and losses, all the sacrifices and the service which earth people experience, look so little in exchange for so great a reward.

It is light and peace and joy and glory and power and wisdom. It is freedom from the littlenesses of the human. It is momentum toward the Divine and constant incentive to reach upward. It is heavenly harmony and beauty and strength and all those things which are part of God and come from God.

Have I made it at all clear and plain to you? It is wonderful beyond the power of earth words to express. But you will be seeing for yourself when the day comes that your work there is done and you come up higher to work on in these Celestial Realms.

I go now to serve in joy and gladness. My eyes see perfectly and I behold marvelous things of which no man may yet be told. Good night. And God bless you!

September 15

It is just one week tonight, according to your understanding of time, since these messages began to come to you. We have covered much ground and many things have been revealed unto you. Much more will be revealed. You are the channel for receiving and for giving out to those who otherwise would lack this knowledge.

Ways of which you do not dream, will open to you. The demand will be great and the reward commensurate. So, steady, my friend, and be not weary as night after night you listen with the ears of your spirit for these words from the Unseen World.

If this starts a little slowly tonight, it will nevertheless be worth listening for. The days and nights of your earth time see such slaughter as cannot be expressed or imagined. Into the midst of it we go as ministering angels. We help some of the boys to go painlessly out of their wounded bodies and to get their first start on the other side where all is so new to them.

Again here on the earth side, we mitigate suffering in ways that are spiritual. We offer them the Water of Life, carry messages of love to their dear ones and in every way do all that can be done to make their passing comfortable.

Sometimes they are afraid to die. But not often. They have been so many months in the atmosphere of physical death that they shrink less from it than would have been the case in normal times.

But when the soldier himself knows or suspects that his own time has come, he craves a tender hand to minister unto him and a soft voice to tell him that he is going into more radiant life than he has ever known. He can't quite believe it. For he has been taught so differently.

But when these boys land safely on the Far Shore, their broken bodies left behind with all the attendant weight and weariness, they almost leap with rapture and wonder what has happened. It can't be that they are dead, they say. They see the beauty, sense the harmonies of music and of the spiritual atmosphere, they feel so different, they see members of their families waiting here to welcome them and their faces glow with delight.

Coming from the fox holes, the jungles, the deep-sea rafts, the crashing planes, the awful heat of battle, the shores of the Heavenly Land are beyond their comprehension; almost beyond their powers to believe! Sometimes they have been so terribly wounded that it takes them a little time to gain strength enough to become active in the spirit world. But from the first they are helped and healed by the enveloping mantles of love and service in which they find themselves. It is beyond anything they had ever thought of heaven!

Those who have been spiritually retarded on the earth plane, begin just where they left off, learning those lessons which life seeks to teach us; lessons of truth and tolerance; of justice and patience and goodness; of God and His service. Many of these who come over both at this time and through the ages, find they must begin their spiritual schooling as it

were, with the primer, learning slowly and surely the things of enduring values. As they progress, they go to higher levels where they learn ever more of the will of the Highest and of the glory in which that will is manifest.

A cloud comes over their spirits sometimes when they become conscious of the grieving of their dear ones of earth and of the gloom in which they enwrap their lives. Those newly arrived on these shores find their happy satisfactions decreased by this negative attitude of mind and heart. If only you can help people to see death as promotion and as the open door, as entrance into ineffable glory, and to see the selfishness of lessening these joys for them who have gone on a little ahead, you will do great service. Gradually earth minds will comprehend that earth is but the preparation for these higher reaches of living and learning and serving.

SPEAKING OF LOVE

Love, you read in God's Holy Word, is the fulfilling of the law. To understand what love is, is to understand what God is. Even those who have been in these Celestial Realms for uncounted ages, cannot comprehend the depth and height and breadth of the love of God which manifests in such Infinite care as He provides for the least of His creatures. Love is the essence of the heart of God. It is at the center and is the center of His plans and purposes for the universe of His creating.

The earth significance of "Love" is so far afield from the richness of its meaning here on the Spiritual Planes, that there seems little kinship, except that from the mighty fountain of Divine love flow the small streams that trickle down through human hearts where sometimes the paths of life are barren, fertilizing the mind and the soul.

These little trickles carry impulses that are born of the Divine and make possible rich harvests of beautiful living that otherwise could not mature.

Every little or great manifestation of Divine love, is the voice of God seeking expression, drawing the souls of His children closer to Him and uniting them more firmly in the bonds of His life.

How can life be sordid if it is centered in such vastness of unending love? How can it be despairing? Or gloomy? Or unworthy? As God is love, so love in its worthiest is God. And

that makes all the difference as you strive to make the most of living out your appointed span upon earth.

Do not be afraid to share the love of your heart with those with whom you come into contact. It will enrich the quality of your life and give fresh impulse of courage and power to those whose paths cross yours. God would have no one stingy or with-holding of love. It holds within itself the ultimate riches of the spirit of God and is the seed from which grows the best of life's fruitage.

As you give love, love comes back to you. It multiplies as you use it. It increases as you share it. The more you use, the more you have. Such is God's ordering of His greatest gift to mankind—such love as only an Infinite Father could give to His children. Love costs! It cost Him! But what dividends it pays in coin of the Eternal Realms!

Many there be of earth whose lives are deprived of love that satisfies. Their souls are as barren as fields in which no refreshing rain ever falls. Their hearts are parched and their spirits are like the dust of the highway lacking all the richness of soil which is ready to bear good harvests.

When into such lives you can pour some of the wealth of love that has been bestowed upon you, you are doing God's service and carrying out His will both for yourself and for the ones whose hearts you are refreshing.

It is no light thing to be the carrier of love to lives that need it; no mean service to shed abroad in weary souls such love as God counts worthy of Himself! True love knows no sordidness, no selfishness. It has no part in the low or the unworthy. It is the highest quality of the heart of God—and given into the keeping of humans with which to build lives meet for Eternal Realms.

In this atmosphere of God-love, we live and serve wherever we are needed. The feeling of love is the conscious knowledge of all who come to these Spirit Planes. And on this love we feed our souls, as humans feed their bodies on bread. It is meat and drink to us. It is the solvent of all earth's problems. When nations and governments are founded on that love which is of God and take His spirit of love into their affairs, then will come the lessening of suspicions between nations and peoples.

When love is allowed its mighty way in governing the peoples, laws will be fair and just. Human life will reach its highest evaluation. Powers of humankind will rise to their

greatest and civilizations will have a stability hitherto never dreamed.

Without love, nations are building upon sand. Foundations thus laid, do not abide. The love which God gives makes foundations as firm as granite from the hills.

When will men cease their futile seeking for that which cannot satisfy and pass by the mightiest influence earth has ever known, the greatest power the heavenly hosts know as through the ages they sing of that love from the heart of the Father which can heal all wounds of earth and end all conflict between mankind and his organized civilization!

I know not, since I made the great Transition, what it is to be weary. My spirit is tireless and I look forward to the endlessness of living where limitations are not and where the impulse is constantly toward the highest which God has provided for all whose earth cycles have been completed.

God bless you as you make your way through days that often are difficult. You are sowing well and faithfully. You will reap in proportion to your sowing.

September 16

I would speak to you tonight of matters momentous to the spiritual life. Emotion does no harm, provided it is controlled. Emotion of the spirit is a tonic which tones up the spirit from dead levels of mediocrity. Here on these Inner Planes of life and growth, we are not afraid to sing and to revel in glorious abandon to God's love and power.

While we were on the earth plane, most of us were constrained by convention and customs and we pared down our religious emotions until they were as thin as paper and about as vital. We were afraid of what others might think! Thus we lost the dynamic for our lives that wholesome emotion, rightly directed, would have given us.

When the heart sings for joy in the goodness and greatness of the Creator, it is good for it to sing with vigor and holy enthusiasm.

Here, unhampered by the body, we rejoice and shout for joy throughout all these Spirit Planes. We wonder how it can be sometimes that you of the earth life do not hear us and wish to join in the celestial anthems!

Let your heart sing! It will drive away much gloom, much sadness, foreboding and anxiety over the affairs of living. Let

your heart sing; and lift up your voice too, in paeans of praise and love and gratitude to the Father of us all! If people of earth sang more in this lofty way, influences of despair and distress would lose most of their power. There is vast therapeutic power for body and spirit in songs that well forth in unrestrained streams of praise for God's goodness and love and plans and provisions for the welfare of His children.

While I was on the earth plane, I conformed outwardly to customs of restrained emotion in my spiritual expressions. By that I was the loser. I allowed the warmth of religious fervor to lessen and temperatures of religious zeal to lower. But here I may let myself speak out in full ardor and sing with full-throated zeal to the glory of the Three in One, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father.

I would that you take heed of the power of right emotion in keeping your spirit life tuned to high pitch and in harmony with the need of the soul for exultation, lest the light within become darkness!

If only I might have learned during my earth stay more of the essentials which I am learning here, I could have made more rapid progress on these Planes of Power. It is such joy to learn here where there is so little hindrance to our efforts and where minds are free to concentrate on the deep things of eternal wisdom which are part of the infinity of growth. The more one learns and the faster one grows, the more illimitable seem the heights beyond to which we constantly reach out.

In all phases of life save the spiritual, earth people do not fear to give emotion free sway. I beg of you to study, to see how much good will come to you by giving freer rein to the exuberance of feelings which comes when the spirit is abandoned to the will of God. The Divine One never leads us into undesirable excesses. So fear not! And now the theme changes.

Each time I come to this change of theme, there is apparent fear in your mind lest the stream of thought dwindle or run dry! At the best, it would be impossible to compass more than a bird's-eye view of the whole great field of life in these upper reaches of experience where we are clothed in the fadeless robes of immortality and where every thought is attuned to the perfection of standard that is in the very God. I want to talk tonight about the battle fields of earth and some manifestations of spiritual light and power there where unnumbered men are battling for supremacy of earthly power.

You must know that on both sides of those battle lines, no

matter where they form in whatever part of earth or with nations of whatever racial stock, there are men whose motives are pure and whose beliefs would pass for righteousness, in the presence of our Lord.

We who go on wings of light to minister to human suffering and to spiritual darkness, know no distinction between races or battle arrays. Our mission is to serve wherever there is need of that courage and confidence which God alone can impart. And so on one side and then on the other, we go into the thick of the struggle, invisible often; sometimes in physical form; but always armored by the protecting mantle of His grace.

I have been with the soldiers of both sides as they dropped out of the skies to uncertain landings on the surface of the earth. Some have not made the landing with earth life intact. And as they have felt the sweep of celestial currents drawing them from earth, it has been my inexpressible joy to speak peace and comfort to their frightened minds and to assure them that the landings on the heavenly shores would be beyond anything of joy and gladness which they could dream.

Where tumult of fear had raged within their hearts, there has come a peace that only God's power could bestow.

I have ridden the tossing waves of ocean with men in their tiny rafts and have seen the savage terror which gripped their minds at prospect of no water or no food, smooth away; dread become calmness; fear die out as they recognized the presence of the spiritual and felt its power where nothing of earth could be mainstay or comfort or solution of their problems.

I have seen men who never took the name of God on their lips except in profane ways, become as little children and say together the sweet and simple words of Jesus when He walked the earth. I have seen them pray who never before had acknowledged the name of God in prayer. And I have seen their faces glow with calm assurance that the Christ who walked the waters of the angry sea was their protection and their Comrade in dire distress. From the lips of such men I have heard devoutly spoken many an "Amen" when one of their comrades in distress had voiced a simple prayer for the things of sustenance and of power for their spirits, that they might endure to the end of their ordeal.

I have stood beside the cots on which the wounded lay and have felt the change from fright to calm acceptance that came over them when God's power to help was offered them and His presence interpreted to them.

Their readiness to accept these offerings of spiritual succor has been great joy to me and the missions on which I have been permitted to go in my Master's name have been glory beyond my power to express.

It seems to me that everything I seek to relate to you in this talk, is superlative. But that is because language is so impotent to convey the glories about which I am speaking. You remember from our earth days together, that I was not given to extremes of expression and so you will know that it is only the glory beyond earth words to express, that makes many matters difficult to convey intelligently to you.

When this dire conflict is ended, will come the mighty struggle for reorganization of life in the countries of the whole world. In this struggle for re-adjustment, the things of spiritual permanence and wisdom must be as yeast to leaven what otherwise would be a soggy mass of materialistic dogma.

More than perhaps you think, the "other world" will have power when the pattern is being re-formed from which civilization will begin almost anew to build a just and lasting peace for all nations and races of men. Only where the yeast of the spirit is present, will results be good and worthy of the bitterness of the struggle.

And now once more, a personal word to you! Your spirit has been wonderfully gripped by all of this, as I knew it would be. By your devotion to all which it represents, you will have great values to people to whom these talks in printed form will go.

There is so much more ahead that I bid you give heed to rest and relaxation. You will be guarded as you sleep and when you wake, you will come afresh to be the channel of this cosmic service to people of earth.

September 17

As we take up the theme of the evening, I ask you especially to have no fear of its content or its vitality. In all of this I am prompted and supported by my instructors who are close to the heart of God through the service of the ages. Even they, you see, have work to do!

You call them "Masters." But as in God's Holy Word, they are also they who serve. As new comers arrive constantly, those long here are put in charge of the ones who need instruction in every detail of life over here. For it is very different and except for these instructors, many would be lost in the

maze of newness, bewildered and frustrated. It is part of the Infinite plan for these to be guided, instructed, companioned, and shown beginnings of the way of life over here. The gratitude which shines in their faces, is wonderful to behold.

Those whose lives have been lived on lofty principles of rightness and who have endeavored to follow the ways of righteousness, easily fit into the new order. They begin to grow in understanding and love, their spirits opening like buds that blossom into the perfection for which they were made.

These whose spirits are attune, add their own rays of beauty and glory to the already Infinite beauty that makes up our landscape here. They enrich the heavenly harmonies that swell through the unobstructed spaces of eternal realms.

Their hearts turn earthward often, in longing to share with those whom they have left behind, something of the life they have entered. When they see their beloveds shrouded in gloom and enveloped in sadness, these new ones among the heavenly beings are saddened. They crave earth contacts for the sake of entreating their dear ones to rejoice and not to weep; to wear garments of praise and to lay aside the spirit of heaviness.

Seldom do the very newly come succeed in making the earth contact for reasons which I have told you earlier in these discourses. When they do, they often find their families so steeped in traditional thinking as to be unable to believe that the voice which has spoken is truly the voice of the one who has gone. They fear to involve themselves in something which they fear is bespoiled with chicanery. And so they turn away and close the door in the face of the one who would open their eyes and cheer their hearts. It is sad indeed.

The church has lost one of its mightiest opportunities in refusing to acknowledge and use this avenue of approach to one of the vastest mysteries of Infinite Mind, leaving it to those who frequently are unprincipled and who use it largely for personal gain.

Slowly the eyes of spiritual leaders within the church are being opened and they are beginning to see how faint is the line between the two worlds and how possible is the power of communication between those over here and those yet on the earth.

When the church throws off its shackles of fear and accepts the leadings of the great spiritual masters from this side of life, who will teach and reveal in harmony with God's

will, then the church will add a mighty power for good to its instrumentality.

What of those who come hither, whose earth lives have been lived on low planes of morality; whose instincts do not readily yield to purity and love; who have lied and stolen; been indifferent to the rights of others; intolerant and self-seeking and have cared not for the things of Eternal wisdom and Divine love? What of these?

At first they resent the goodness and purity of these heavenly spheres. They have brought with them nothing which enables them to understand and be willing to begin the new life on new planes. Many of them have come from earth of much material influence. They have been rich and powerful and with enormous sway over others on the earth plane. They have given no thought to the Transition which they knew had to come, except to shudder and to turn their thoughts away from it. They thought by so doing, they could prolong earth life and stall off the day when the body would no longer obey their demands and they be required to lay it down, outworn and useless. These, oh! so many of them, have lived either wicked lives or lives indifferent to the things of God and have brought over nothing from all their accumulations, that can help them in beginning the new way. They are bewildered and at first resent the futility of their earth possessions and power.

The king, crowned in pomp and living in magnificence, wonders when he finds his crown turned to dust and his pomp of no value. For only what men bring here of goodness and truth and unselfishness and desire to serve and know God, empowers them for understanding and aligning themselves with the growth and development which make life here so glorious.

Those who bring only materialistic equipment when they come, must learn to undo the wrongs of their earth lives and learn one by one the lessons which on earth they refused to learn. Only as they do this can they advance and come to higher planes.

The fact of their being surrounded from the first with the manifestation of Divine Love, burns into their very consciousness. But does not God's Word say that Jesus died for the ungodly as for the godly, and that He came to call sinners as well as the righteous to repentance? These souls have much to un-learn before they can begin in humility and earnest

desire to atone for all which they have done and which they have left undone.

Such mis-conception of all this has ridden the church through the centuries that I am impelled to speak of it at length. When I was on the earth plane, my concept of these matters was not in unison with orthodox teachings, but much of this which I have given you was beyond my knowledge.

Not until I came over to this side of life did the Divine Plan unfold itself and give me complete satisfaction. Always while I was of earth, my soul was in rebellion at what I believed was incorrect interpretation of God's will and plan. I may not go farther on this theme at this time. It has vastness of Infinity within itself.

ANOTHER FACET OF THE JEWEL

And now I want to speak about the quality of tolerance as it needs to manifest among you who walk the ways of earth a while longer. It is a Divine quality, hard to learn and hard to live. It is of the essence of the Christ spirit and in its most complete fulfillment is akin to the God nature.

Tolerance admits that others who differ from you may be as nearly right as you—or more nearly right. That is hard to accept by those many who think sincerely that their ways are bound to be right. Not so!

Where tolerance abides, is never dissension nor strife. It is a form of unselfishness, of willingness to accede to ways and convictions of others who are sincere and true in their beliefs. Had tolerance held sway in the high councils of those countries where this war holocaust began to blaze and to burn away the rights of man, there could have been no war. There would have been no vast armaments, no murderous assaults upon innocent peoples, no greedy assumption of rights and titles to governments that owed their allegiance elsewhere.

If tolerance, which is another facet of the jewel of Divine love, had held sway, mankind would have gone on in orderly ways of peaceful life through the ages. And peace on earth would have come long since. I speak not alone of this global devastation through which the world has been weltering for years; but of the warring madness which often has broken out upon the surface of man's life, because the spirit of tolerance has not prevailed in human councils and in the hearts of men.

When human vision is clearer and men see the rightness of consideration for others and the fairness of crediting others with wisdom and desire for the right, wars and all human strife will fade into nothingness.

In daily life, in little things which are not little, this same Divine quality of tolerance is entitled to sway in human hearts. For small dissensions grow quickly to large; spirit is prone to clash against spirit; and motives are easily misunderstood, making for turmoil where peace should sit in quietness in human hearts. The work of the world is done well only when peace reigns within; when tolerance holds power over the activities of living.

No man is truly great who has not learned to exemplify the beautiful grace of tolerance in his inner thoughts and his outer living. It is like oil which lubricates wherever friction makes wheels grate and belts bind. It goes to the center of the issue and relieves the tension. In every phase of your earth life, I commend faithful and persistent cultivation of that tolerance that always smoothes and never ruffles the spirit.

And now this has been a long message. I beg of you not to be disturbed because the spirit communications which began to come to you so soon after I passed from earth life and which now have been renewed in this series, are of a different quality and context from those which others receive. Nothing is loftier than these messages which I am privileged to transmit through you from the heart of Infinite wisdom. Just rest on that! And may the peace of God abide with you! This is great business we are doing in this way. Rewards will be enduring!

ONE EXUBERANT LEAP

September 18

Thank you for being ready for these messages from the other world. Always there are some who doubt. But there are more who look earnestly for the light. It is to these latter that I speak directly through you.

You will remember from your earlier experiences with Tim that I spoke of those who will disbelieve these truths from the other side of life. Their motives are honest. But they are firmly grounded in materialistic interests. They will believe only when reason and sight approve and confirm.

Here on the Inner Planes is life of a kind which cannot

be pictured by your earth cameras nor described with earth words. It is irradiated with the luminous quality of spirit and can be understood only by the qualities of spirit. While it might appear that spirit is evanescent and intangible from the earth point of view, too fragile for placing confidence in it, let me say at the outset of this discourse that spirit is stronger than bands of steel, stronger than any influence of earth. It is mightier than all earth forces combined. And most unusual results transpire when hearts turn to spirit and ask its help.

Faith is called into play when help is asked of spirit. And faith is that without which mighty things cannot be accomplished, even here in the realm of the Inner Planes. Faith looks Godward and though it cannot see the desired end, it knows that in God is all power and all knowledge.

When faith is partner of the human, all things are possible. As faith comes into the heart, fear goes out. I wish you could know the marvelous quality of faith that we witness here, that transforms and glorifies and is of the very Godhead.

When I came over to this side of life, I sent you word frequently that you were to have faith and more faith, and that things would work out for good. Faith is not easy to use because it is the evidence of what is not seen. Therein is its greatest strength that it calls out power to take God at His word, to know where one cannot see and to believe where one cannot know! Faith is partner of love and these two work the mightiest miracles of which earth knows.

Taking me at my word, you turned the eyes of your spirit upward and began to develop a quality of faith that enabled you to pass through deep waters with poise and quietness, to place utter dependence in the power of the Divine to carry you through whatever the difficulty. Day after day you carried that faith in your heart which made you know that the issues of your life would be good and that you would not be left comfortless.

Faith is a catalytic agent and grows nourished by itself. There is no limit to heights to which it can go. It is a beautiful experience to place faith in a God Whose word was never known to fail and Who plans only good for His children.

There are those over here whom I have seen in utter radiance and who came through trials of earth that were severe and testing. But their hearts were united in bonds of unbreakable faith to Him Whose promises underwrote this faith. Here their luminous presence continues to lean upon

faith that has no limitations and that can go always deeper into the holy things of God with Whom there is no limitation. The heaven which we experience is witness to the working power of this faith, the enduring, satisfying power that fails not.

On the earth plane, people make it hard to have faith. They want first to see. And when one sees, faith no longer holds sway. Faith is the simplest, most natural thing in the world, if only earth people would take it as it is. And if only they would take God as He is! The little child does not hesitate to place implicit confidence in its father's strong arms and its mother's tender love. No other thought enters the child mind. Though storms rage, the child feels perfectly secure if father's arms are about it and if mother's smile lightens the darkness. That is faith; the faith that knows, that faces and moves mountains of difficulty.

It is all that the Divine asks in return for Infinite guidance and power. There is nothing simpler than faith when it is given right of way. But to the materialistic mind, it is foolishness which men say does not square with the practical type which must see and measure before it can accept.

The practical mind is often utterly honest. And by the hard way, it may arrive at the same result to which faith came with one exuberant leap, trusting the promises of the Almighty. I wish I might illustrate to you how wonderfully and simply faith operates and how beautifully it brings results!

Witnesses are here who testify to how light loads of earth became when faith took hold and held tight to the promises of God that did not fail. Faith is like floating on the surface of the water when specific gravity keeps the body from going under. There one floats in perfect confidence that the water will hold the body. And there is no danger.

Sometimes on your earth plane, faith is confused with struggle and is hindered by it. Faith is the simplest, the quietest, the most effective experience of the human heart. It is not compounded of struggle nor turbulence. It just takes God at His word and brings results.

I am telling you of faith in this detail tonight because there is such need for it in the life of the world and so little understanding of its power. Like love, the more one uses, the more one has! I beseech you to make it increasingly the mainstay of your life. Lean upon it in every moment of uncertainty and at every time of anxious concern. Trust your problems to it—and fear not! You have been wonderfully carried through

times of stress. Mightier experiences are ahead for you in which you will learn more and more of the power of the spirit as exemplified through faith.

The mind that will not trust anything save materialistic substances will find little to comfort him at many a critical place in life from which he might have been saved, if he had sensed the tremendous strength that is faith.

Here on these Planes our hearts rejoice constantly as we learn and in turn try to teach others what we are learning of the ways of God with man.

Shall we turn now to another line of thought? You have craved to know whether we here on these Planes know those whom we knew and loved on earth. I remember how we used to discuss it while I was yet with you in the physical. Can there be any doubt of it after all I have told you of my own experiences?

I came with great suddenness and was much surprised when I knew that I was out of the body. The experience which for years I had dreaded, had proved so light that it was over and done with before I realized it. And here I was in the spirit world surrounded with many whom I recognized at once and whom it rejoiced me to meet again. The luminous quality of their faces, the radiance of their presence, the utter spirituality of them, yet withal the same friendliness which I had known on the earth plane, caused me to marvel.

Earth people bother so much over the fear lest one loses his individuality when he comes to these Higher Planes. Of course he does not! He has simply stepped up higher, laid aside the out-worn body, robed in garments of immortality and exchanged the physical for the spiritual.

But he does not forget that which was his earth life. He only begins to learn the lessons which he did not learn and moves on into higher realms of existence and service which were not revealed to him while he was on earth.

You are often tempted to long for your time to come when you may become part of the life over here. Your time is not yet. You have much to do on earth. And you will be loyal to it. Until one has lived earth life to the full of service in all loyalty to every responsibility, one should not wish to be released from its tasks. For in each task, there is richness of growth that the soul needs and good that is to be accomplished, however simple the task.

Rewards over here are not for the ones whom earth called

great. They are for them who lived in love, worked their way through difficulties and by faith transformed living into a victorious experience akin to God's likeness.

You would be surprised to know what beauty of life is here revealed through these spiritual qualities of which I have been speaking with you tonight—the power of faith and the strength of the spirit, so closely interwoven that they are one.

To see these who have reached such heights of spiritual power is to feel one's own heart expand with Infinite longing for growth and always more growth in the knowledge of God and His ways.

Nothing else matters. All else is superficial. Only that endures. In it are all joy and perfection and satisfaction both here and on the earth plane which is merely a training school for the soul.

Sometimes you are sorely tried by experiences through which the work of your days takes you. Often you seem to be standing alone. But you are not alone.

You are being guided every step of your way and not a day but that you are under the constant companionship of those from the Inner Planes who are teaching you and preparing you for greater work. God's blessing be upon you! I have great joy in giving this message tonight to your willing hands through the channel of your open mind. Good night! And God keep you, as He will!

September 19

Blue prints are made here for plans to be consummated on the earth plane along lines that are for the good of mankind. These are of such varied sorts that it would be impossible to describe them to you. They cover a vast number of earth needs and many of them are projected far into the future.

People think of the spirit world as wholly separated from the practicality of earth experiences. But I say to you that the two are closely interlinked, with many interests in common.

The sublimated intellectual powers of many who have crossed the Bar to these higher reaches of experience, are devoted to designing in minute detail many mechanical appliances and scientific devices with which earth people are to be blest after the devastation of this era has passed. Many of these are so far in advance of what thoughts of men have yet conceived that only we here on these Inner Planes know anything of them.

As the time matures when certain of them will be helpful for earth people, designs and plans are transmitted to earth minds. Then men say they have invented these appliances! In a sense, yes! But the impulse, the idea, the concept were formed on the Spirit Plane, then given to earth minds to be available in physical terms and for physical needs.

Is all of this amazing to you? Does it surprise you that from Spirit Planes come these things for mankind's daily needs? It should not surprise you. It is part of Infinite goodness and wisdom and is the explanation of many a new invention, as men speak of it, in the material world.

You see we who have passed within the Veil come nearer the source of all wisdom and learn without the handicap of the body and its limitations. So we learn more easily and quickly. We travel with the speed of thought, unhampered by the clumsy weight of the physical. Thus it is reasonable that minds purified and spiritualized can achieve many things and pass them on in virtually finished, blue print form, for the help and comfort of earth people.

Much of the rapid progress in uses of light on the earth plane, was made here where light is so glorious, softly diffused, always enough, never too much, beautifully shaded in ways earth does not know.

Your instrumentalities of music are many of them designed here and patterned after those which give us the matchless strains of celestial harmony. Does not all of this show you ways in which the two spheres are linked closely?

While I was part of earth life, my major professional interest and concern were for the education of our youth that they might learn to live and serve largely and well. Here we also have our systems of education. We study and learn and apply what we learn in service to any who need and to whom we are sent. It seems very different from ways of learning on the earth plane, for here it is impregnated with leaping desire to know. There is no compulsion, but always eagerness which has no bounds.

We know that the faster we learn, the more service to those in need will be trusted to us and the finer our opportunities in the spirit of our Lord for showing forth His love and goodness.

Our systems of learning are carefully organized. For you see, we are as much as ever distinct entities, with our own individualities, our own gifts and talents, as when we were of

the earth life. Some of us can do one thing better than others. And we are steadily assigned to study along lines where we can produce better results in the whole vast plan and purpose of the Divine for His universe.

The wonder of it never ceases. The limitlessness of these purposes cannot be comprehended. Only as we occasionally get larger glimpses of the glory of it, does the majesty of the Creator's work stand forth in over-powering splendor.

There are no words of earth language equal to expressing that which I seek to share with you. Therefore I am vague when I would be explicit. But I want you and others of earth who are open-minded about things of the Spirit Spheres, to know that this is a realm of constant study and preparation for larger service, revealing new ways to adapt Infinite laws to human uses and needs.

It is the most inspiring atmosphere which the mind can conceive. You with your earth limitations, cannot conceive it. Seeing that I never attempted to deceive you while I was in the earthly form, you will believe me when I say that the wonders of life, love and all the mysteries of creation thrill me more the longer I serve on this exalted Sphere of Spirit Existence.

It would be easy for you to become dis-satisfied to stay there and struggle to live within relatively small dimensions, if you were able to see in clear outline how glorious it is to live here and what sweep of spiritual experience there is for us.

Because it is divinely ordained for the human species to live on the earth plane until they are ready to come up higher, most of this over-powering glory is concealed from you until you have mastered your earth lessons, met and conquered your earth temptations and made fully ready for life here. Otherwise you could not endure it to play your part in the human drama until the curtain of earth experience was rung down and you were freed to larger and more wonderful roles in the heavenly world.

All is so marvelously ordained that we thrill at the provisions which the Creator has made for His children, through which they come to their full stature as children of the Spiritual Kingdom.

The more faithful you are there to your work and your life, the greater glory will be yours when you come home to join us here! Isn't that worth striving for? And waiting for? Not one single thing about the traditional heaven is verified

on these planes here, except the manifestation of the love and glory of God. Mankind in his search for Truth, has misinterpreted much and he has been unwilling to accept anything save that which comes with the aura of tradition.

The day of the opening of his eyes is coming closer when many things will be revealed in proportion to his willingness to learn and his eagerness to serve with his new knowledge. That will be a good, glad day.

And now another theme before I leave you for the night! Do not be concerned when people show indifference at things spiritual. Always it has been so. Many are embarrassed to show interest in matters which relate to the unseen. Not always does that indicate lack of interest, though sometimes it does. Just bide your time and know that always one or another portal will open through which you may pass in speaking the right word or in rendering acceptable service to your Lord for His hungry, thirsty children.

THE BLIND WILL SEE ANEW

You are hearing much of Braille these days and its usefulness to those whose eyes are withheld from earth vision. Uncounted thousands are returning in little short of desperation. On the battle fields of the world, they gave the sight of their eyes in the effort to save civilization from influences seeking to destroy every good thing.

As they return to an orderly civilian life, they are at desperate odds to know what to do with their minds; unable to read, to work as formerly, unable to be independent as they used to be! He who opens the door of reading through the human finger tips, is doing God's service!

There is coming soon, a better way of mechanical reading. Plans for it are here on this Plane, worked out and ready when the time is ripe, for transmission to earth uses. Thereby men deprived of physical vision may read and all but see in ways easier to provide and simpler to manipulate by the ones whose eyes were offered on the Altar of Freedom.

From the many years when my vision was darkened and my world was limited to what the other senses could impart, I know what these mechanical systems can mean to the sightless.

Words of great power will be vividly brought before their minds and their spirits will be heartened. Their hearts will be cheered and they will many a time give thanks to the good

God for the provision whereby their minds and souls could be nourished though the curtain of physical blindness had fallen before their bodily eyes.

From experience of those hard years of which you know so well, I can say with profound gratitude that through those years I was able to reach more closely into the heart of the Father, to see more of the wisdom of His ways with men, and to see with spiritual vision some of the mysteries of Divine wisdom which might have been denied me, had I been blest with normal, human vision.

When I came over here, it was indeed wonderful to have the Veil removed and see anew with the freshness and clarity of youth the marvels He has prepared for them who love Him.

And now good night, with all my blessing and with deep appreciation of the loyalty with which you give yourself to these important messages coming at this time for a very specific purpose which will be revealed to you at the right time. In this, as in other things, you will trust me explicitly. This is great service on which we are embarked.

September 20

We both are ready for another in the series of significant talks from the brighter side of life, where never the sun sets, never clouds lower, never hearts are broken; the side of life where always the inhabitants desire God's will above any other thing and where His Holy Will is shown to be the acme of all that is good. How I wish I might reveal to you more fully the manifold ways in which this side of life is so satisfying and never disappoints, however much those of earth have anticipated prior to coming hither.

Only a small part of the spiritual realms may be opened to you while you are of earth. You could not endure it otherwise. God's will in this is supremely best, as in all other things. But it is desirable to impart to you and through you to others, some of the life that prevails in these sacred precincts where all is activity and growth and service and love and worship.

There is no night here. That you learned many years ago from Holy Writ. What does it mean? That being in the spirit, minus the weight and weariness of the flesh, there is no need for the recuperation which you of earth must have. How great the relief was when I came over here, I cannot express.

Others have the same experience, even men who come

from their physical prime, from the heat of the struggle for earthly power. They speak often of the lightness and sense of freedom which now is theirs and of their ability to go with the swiftness of thought to uttermost parts of earth.

But they do not go aimlessly. They, as every one else who comes here, are first instructed in primary knowledge, things they must needs know to render their best service, even when they are new in this spirit life.

Everything in these Realms is organized. Instructors give us our lessons according to our stage of development. And as we are able, we are sent where we are most needed to represent the love and power of God. It is mighty service, worthy the archangels, yet given to people who have won their triumphs and finished their courses in earth discipline.

Can you comprehend what it means when I tell you that here there is no jealousy? No one of the countless millions who have come up higher and whose robes have been washed, is jealous of any other or of the progress the other makes. It puts life here on an entirely new basis. When one makes rapid progress, every other one rejoices with such hearty eagerness as can scarcely be imagined on earth planes. None of the old, bitter envy or jealousy remains. There is no room at all in these Eternal Fields for qualities that are unworthy the children of the Kingdom.

I would not take time to discourse on the folly of jealousy. It bespeaks its own weaknesses and has no place in the hearts of any who seek high things of the spirit. Rather I would direct your thinking now to other things of which you cannot know except in such ways as this.

OF GIVING IN MARRIAGE

One of the great stumbling blocks in earth-thought of this heavenly world stems from the Scripture which says there is here no marriage nor giving in marriage. Do you not see that this is the acme of Divine wisdom? Each one who comes to these realms comes bringing his own spiritual equipment. No one enters on the credentials of any one else. Families are not necessarily together as on the earth plane, though often we meet those who were bound by family ties in the flesh. The surging of the physical is left behind when one crosses the narrow line which separates the two planes. What remains is eternal and immortal, the spirit, with which there is no kinship in the flesh.

We meet and mingle here in the unity of the spirit, with perfect understanding, yet without the divisiveness that separates family units on earth. There is no loneliness here; no longing that goes unsatisfied. We are all one in the bonds of the spirit and we seek in our mutual aspirations to reach the highest in spiritual development of which we can be capable.

Thus the family divisions which are necessary and highly potent for earth civilization, are not a part of the Divine economy and do not prevail here. Do not misunderstand. Your father and mother and sister whom you loved so devotedly and whose passing over made so empty a place in your life, watch over you, help you, love you and feel great rejoicing as they see you growing in ways of spiritual power. When you come, they will welcome you, as shall I. But the family idea is lacking. It just does not exist. And while to one in the flesh this may seem forbidding, to those who have reached these Planes of great insight and closeness to Infinite love and wisdom, it is natural, satisfying and just as it should be. You see, we here do not doubt and question and fear. We see the majesty and glory of the Divine order and know that anything else or less, would leave something lacking.

If only the church would seek light on these moot points and share the light and the knowledge that are available through channels such as this, then instruct its adherents who stumble and falter through failure to understand these things, how great progress the church would make! When people of earth wander in mental darkness, fear is bred and doubt comes into the heart to abide where only faith should be.

Though there is no marriage bond in the Eternal Realms, neither is there any lack whatsoever in spiritual bonds and in raptures which completely satisfy. It is the order of the Creator in His wisdom. This does not mean that we have forgotten those whom we loved on the earth level or ceased to love them. Far from it! Beyond this I may not go at this time.

Another line of thought I wish to bring you now to challenge your spirit and comfort your heart. There are many who wish to know more of this channel of communication and its functioning. The motivating quality of their desire would be partly curiosity, which is rife on the earth plane; partly an intelligent wish to prove whether it seems reasonable to communicate with the Unseen World and partly a longing to find out whether for themselves any message would come through the ethers. These messages to you are for your unselfish

using when the right time comes and the right way has been revealed to you. They will reach far and wide and find many earnest seekers for the true light which will shine through these words on the printed page.

Even then, there will be doubters. There will be those who scoff. But many there will be who are eager for the light and who will sense the truth, the genuineness of conviction in these words. In their spirits the soil is right for sowing the seed of truth in the belief that we can communicate with the Unseen as naturally as we talk with those whom we meet in the flesh. As you sit night after night at your machine, you are as conscious of me and of the veracity of these words as if I stood in the flesh beside you. Is it not true?

Study to learn more of the gateways to the Spiritual Realms, that you may make contacts of great spiritual power for solutions of your every problem and earth perplexity. There has been tapped for you in this way, such a vein of riches as perhaps you do not even yet comprehend.

Do not talk of these things if you sense that hard quality of mind which represents determined opposition that is not open-minded and refuses to see in this anything of significance. No good will come from effort to interest such. Beyond this word of advice, you need no guidance along lines related to how to use the riches that are contained within these messages.

In speaking of them in this way, I have no pride nor vain glory. For I am only the privileged instrument of those who have progressed spiritually much farther than I and who teach me what is to be said. This is that only such things may be given as will have most potentiality in helping human hearts which are hard beset at this devastating time. How grateful I am that this service is permitted to me and that you were chosen again to work with me, as so many years we worked together on the earth sphere.

You wonder how you are to use all of this. You are not to wonder to the end of weariness or of doubt in the ultimate success of the whole plan. You are to take it on faith that knows the way will open and the manner of your doing be made plain. Isn't that enough for you? Faith, you remember, rests on that which is unseen. Therein is its vast power and its Infinite value. Nothing can take the place of it for the aspiring life.

Feed your soul on the Divine daily and know that no earth successes or recognitions can compare with satisfactions that

come from the Ether Planes of spirit life. All else passes. This abides. It is true riches. And now I give you my blessing of peace and rest and joy and power. God be with you as you rest and as you rise to the duties of another earth day!

HEALING THE BODY

September 21

We come tonight to the discussion of a most important matter to you who are yet of the earth life. The air is filled with static and it is not easy to make the contact. But have no fear! I will come through with the message which is destined for this evening.

I want to talk with you about healing the body through spiritual faith in prayer and the power of God. As you well know, no other theme in the Scriptures has more attention than healings, called miraculous, by the power of Jesus Christ during His earthly ministry.

Often you asked me why the church pays small attention to this form of Christian service to which Our Lord gave so much of His earth time. Reasons are varied. The church must get its messages across through the ministry of human personalities who often differ in talents and in conviction; also in interpretation of what is God's teaching.

Healing the body through spiritual agencies, the spoken word, the prayer of faith, the laying on of hands, is one of the places down the centuries, where the church abandoned the great opportunity which it had exercised. It laid aside the healing of sick bodies as no special part of its ministry.

Always there have been some who adhered to the doctrine and the practice of healing by faith in God. They have been rewarded with many victories of bodies renewed and hearts strengthened. Much has been made of this holy power in ways perhaps not entirely ethical, from the standard of the Highest. But none of that concerns us.

While the Nazarene was about His mission, travelling the highways and byways of that hill country, He gave special heed to those who needed His healing touch. He made many whole and as He gave new strength to their bodies, He made clear that their sins were forgiven them. In some cases, He spoke only of forgiving their sins, as He imparted wholeness to their disease-ridden bodies.

This He did to draw their minds to Him as the spiritual

Teacher and to teach them that their bodies were sick because their souls were out of harmony with the Divine. It is true today. Mankind is enormously concerned to have its physical ills healed but not always willing to seek first the Kingdom of God, the order in which the Divine places the process.

The body for the sake of the body, was not the Master's concern but that it might be the opening wedge for His spirit to enter and galvanize the entire personality into radiant spiritual power.

To us here and to some who seek earnestly while on earth to know the truth, this science of spiritual healing is not mysterious. It takes cognizance of the omnipotence of God and His omnipresence, and leads through physical needs and release from weakness, directly to spiritual strength and experience. There is no more reason why the ills of the physical should not have the healing touch of the Master than why earth men should lack any other good thing which He stands ready to offer.

It is the human that offers resistance, the human that questions and doubts and fears lest Omnipotence cannot touch the sick body into perfect health. Against that wall of resistance, the Divine will never impose its power. Only as earth people seek physical wholeness through the acceptance of Omnipotent and Omnipresent desire to heal both body and soul, does the miracle occur.

It is not correct to speak of this as a miracle. For it is in accord with the law of truth which knows that God is Spirit and that man is essentially Spirit. When man reaches out in faith and earnest wish to be made whole, his spirit leaps to meet the life of God-Spirit and he can no more fail to be healed of earth ills than the law can fail of functioning.

If this seems strange to you coming from me who did not pay heed to spiritual healing while on the earth plane, just know that when one comes up higher to these Planes of clearer vision, he sees vast array of Truth from which his eyes had been holden while he functioned as man on earth, Truth which now that the eyes of his spirit are open to fuller understanding, comes with radiant impact. It makes him wonder how he could ever question the manifest truth which would have meant so much to his physical comfort while on earth.

I marvel at myself. But I saw it then from limited viewpoints. I only acknowledged partial interest in the power of the Divine to galvanize the body into perfect health upon a spiritual basis. But so it is. And it is open to any who will.

We here see it manifest often as we travel hither and yon upon our special missions to suffering humanity.

With the speaking of our Lord's promise to come and heal, we see diseased bodies come clean and pure, eyes light with renewed vision and power come to useless organs. It is all a matter of the faith that accepts Omnipotence and lets go of human limitations. There is no other form of spiritual service in which our Master was more appealing than as the Healing Christ who went about doing good. For always men's bodies have been as lode-stones of sickness and weakness and incapacity for vision or for hearing. It is because they do not see farther into the will and nature of the Divine Who came to heal and to help all who accept what He promises. So you see, in the last analysis it is the human who accepts or rejects.

And now, I would discuss another phase of life in which you are interested and through which you can have values as you grow in stature as a child of God.

The physical aspects of death, the disposition of the body, the habiliments of death, the gloom of the grave, the aloneness of those who are left, all contribute to the dread of people as they face the inevitable transition from one plane of life to the next.

They think to ease it by display of things which are temporary and fleeting when the end of earth life has come; and to use all possible physical science to prevent the return of the body to earth constituency. None of this has value. It reaches only the outer surface of the situation. The return of the body to the dust from which it came is natural order. Nothing prevents it.

The body is never anything except the housing of the soul. When the housing is outworn, it is laid aside as of no further use. Then the spirit which lives eternally, leaves its no-longer-useful-home and goes to a better dwelling.

Why place such heavy stress upon that which is wholly material and which is destined by all laws of nature and God to be abandoned when the spirit, the God-like part, is released from narrow limits of inadequate housing to limitless glory? Isn't there room in the human heart to rejoice unselfishly at the great good and glory into which the loved one has gone?

Yes, I know the heart aches at physical loss. Mine did. Yours does. That is natural. But even then, the eyes of the soul may look upward and see the other side of it, knowing that the beloved who has gone, is not gone at all but is just out of sight.

Human eyes no longer behold. But the human heart knows it is not death but is life higher and more beautiful, no longer subject to death. You will render real service from time to time as you help people to accept this viewpoint.

You will be wiser never to think of those who have passed from earth vision as "dead." Think of them only as having passed from earth contact to higher planes, as living more gloriously than ever and no longer limited to a body of frailty. Your courage in thus thinking and speaking to others, will help remove much of the unnatural gloom and the false concept of physical aspects of death.

If only you of earth could catch one glimpse of the radiance and beauty and stimulus of life over here, of the God-like-ness that pervades the landscape, of the ideas of service and unselfishness, of the desires of those who come hither to carry far and wide the knowledge and love of God and thus ease the load of living for so many, you would wonder at the lamentations which surround physical death. It is the opening door to everything which is Divinely good and beautiful. More than that I may not say.

And now I thank you again for your patience tonight when conditions have not been easy for the transmission of this message. May the sweet peace of God rest upon you and abide through the hours of this night as you rest. I shall be about my Master's business in other ways of which you shall hear later. This is all for tonight.

THE FREE WILL GIFT

September 22

The day in which you are living is most complex. Highways of the human mind and interwind until it is difficult for mankind to know which to follow. That many lose their ways, is not strange. Only God can direct in safety through this hazardous time.

When men ignore Him and trust their own devices, they lose the points of their spiritual compasses and know not which road to go. As they wander, they fear. As they fear, they become panicky. In panic they act unwisely. The result is almost total loss of power which they might have harnessed to Infinite potency and have won through, their compasses pointing true, their hearts calm with spiritual poise, the glory of God's leadership shining in their faces.

This brings me specifically to one thing I want to talk about with you. If God can do that for mankind, why doesn't He do it? Why doesn't He take control of man's life at all times, regardless of anything else? Why doesn't He tell the human how to go and what to do from day to day? Why doesn't He thus avert so many tragedies and prevent so much wreckage?

It would seem on first thought that the argument is right. Countless men have asked the questions and resented what they called the indifference of God to human suffering. They ask by the millions, why God did not prevent this terrible holocaust. Why did God permit this nation or that, to go wrong; these people to mire themselves in the mud of beastliness? Why does God permit epidemics to go rampant through communities? Why does He take ones so dearly loved? Why does He not sit at the helm and guide all peoples everywhere to safe port on the other side of life?

The answer is simple in its fundamentals. In His Infinite wisdom and power, God could do all these things. But instead He has given man the right of free will, to make his own choices, to be good and do right, or to be evil and go wrong.

He has given nations the same right to their choices. If a nation determines to lower the moral standards and luxuriate in crime and sensuality, that nation is free to do just that. If it prefers to have government of the people, it may. If it elects autocracy and concentration of power, it may follow that path to the logical end. If it becomes a warring nation, lusting on human blood and reaching out in aggrandizement toward ever more power, that nation may go as far as its resources permit.

God never takes the reins and makes the human follow where He drives. Infinitely higher is His gift to mankind, the gift of free will. With the gift, He places upon nations and individuals the responsibility of exercising this freedom of will and of choice and then taking the consequences of choice. It could not be otherwise.

If nations or local governments permit conditions which breed disease, those nations must pay the price of the working of the law. If nations or men forget their highest selves and live on lower levels than are clean and pure and God-like, they may! For they are free agents. But they reap what they sow. The law thus laid down, is never abrogated. The nation which wars for selfish ends and through greed of selfish power, will perish by the sword and be its own undoing.

God does not send war; nor pestilence; nor tragedy; nor

sickness; nor any other hard thing. But He has put into the hands of the children of men the freedom of will that enables them to direct their choices and thus to reap their own harvests of goodness and righteousness and peace and joy—or the reverse.

God's law is no respecter of persons. It knows no difference between high estate and low. It is an impersonal law which is one of God's greatest gifts to humankind. It makes it possible for the human to hold himself in pride and with conscious greatness as he makes his way through the world, knowing that he is not slave or servant of any, not even of God; but that he is permitted the glorious right to choose for himself.

How this gift of free will does dignify life! It should make us humbly proud and grateful to the Father that He has trusted us, His children, with this great instrument by which we may make life truly magnificent!

Does this mean, people will ask, that the individual upon whom trouble descends like a blighting cloud, has done some wrong and is being punished by an angry God? Could it mean that? No! It does not mean that. But the law does not operate with each individual as an isolated case, independent of the group with which he lives and works. It meshes into the community, the nation, the world in which each one finds himself. If an engineer is careless and wreckage follows, with human life lost, those whose lives are forfeited on earth are victims of that carelessness. Just so in war and elsewhere when man is associated in groups.

This law of the universe could not isolate each individual and deal with him through the years as a separate entity. For God put mankind into families. They organized themselves into communities and neighborhoods. Nations that have been serfs to the dictates of some ruler have never risen to the stature that men have who are free to choose their comings and goings, their ways and desires in life. Thus we can see that the Creator's gift to mankind of being free agencies, is beyond earthly compassing.

And never fear! What man earns in the Spirit Realms, he receives. What he sows, he reaps. The generous heart of the Infinite Father never gives sparingly but pressed down and running over with good gifts is His largess to those who seek His Holy will. You will be rendering needed service when you try to clarify the mental confusion of many who fail to see how God can be excused for letting the world welter in blood and

reel in suffering through the centuries, especially in this latest orgy of death and ruin. Whenever you can, do make it clear as we see it so easily from these Ether Planes, that it is the out-working of man's choosing and not of God's will that the earth has turned red with shed blood because there are those who know no limits of greed for wicked power.

Please understand that not one of these gigantic themes is more than touched upon in this series of talks. Each of them is big with Infinite dimensions and ramified possibilities. It is my privilege to discuss each of them sufficiently to give you of earth clearer understanding of the Divine will and plan, and to open your eyes to more of the magnitude and wonders of these Inner Planes where so much is being set up for later use on earth.

THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER

You will remember how often we used to talk about prayer and its power in human life. I was given to prayer while I was on the earth plane. It was the mainstay of my spirit. I thought I knew something of what it meant to pray and get results. I did to a degree. But prayer as I knew it and as most earth people know it, even those who lean the most upon it, is as different as day is from night, compared with prayer as we here know and practice it.

On the earth plane, much prayer seeks to enlighten the Diety and then ask favors of Him. So little earth prayer is praise and thanksgiving. To just that degree is it earth bound and futile. As I see it now in perspective related to my own life, I did not gain more than a small proportion of the strength and growth for my needs that I should have done, because I did not know how to pray.

Prayer to avail, should lift us out of ourselves toward God, worshipping Him with our whole hearts, acknowledging His power for every need, committing our every problem to Him, laying aside every problem when once we have committed it, trusting in Him and His word until we grow into a unity of spirit with the Divine that can claim whatever we need and know that it is ours!

Prayer may be the greatest joy in life. It is communion with the loving Father. On these Planes, it is the warp and woof of our existence. We live in the atmosphere of prayer and praise and from it we grow in those qualities that are closely related to the Divine.

I beg you to cultivate the power of believing prayer. It will solve more problems, give you greater satisfaction, lift you to higher planes, sweeten your life and empower you to greater service than any other influence which can come to you during your residence on earth.

In its sweetest essence, prayer is communion. It need not be uttered aloud. It reaches into the deepest places of the human heart and touches there the very mainsprings of life. It roots out bitterness and implants graces of the spirit; takes away the sting of sorrow and gives courage for the living of the days. It removes earthly narrowness of concept and substitutes heavenly wisdom.

Prayer is to our souls what air is to human lungs. As earth people cannot breathe without air, so spirit derives nourishment from the communion of prayer, from the raptures which come with praise and thanksgiving in humility and love and devotion.

Practice prayer while you are on earth. It will build you up more strongly than any other influence. It will equip you with much you will need when you come over here. Prayer uttered in faith reaches the heart of God and brings the richest rewards which can be desired. Make prayer a large part of your conscious life as you work and rest. And you will be more than ever blest. Thank you for taking this message under handicaps of inconvenience. Good night and God's blessings be upon you!

UTTER SILENCE OF COMMUNION

September 25

The interruptions which come cannot be avoided in your earth life and you are not to be disturbed at them. Take them in calmness and with knowledge that such interruption carries its own lessons of patience and poise.

Shall we discuss now some matters which enter into understanding life as a whole, both on your earth plane and here on these higher spheres? I want to talk with you about the necessity of communion between your spirit and God Who is spirit. In our human limitations we think of God as a person with the attributes of a person. That is well in part, for it gives the human concept of love and power and such qualities as draw us close to the heart of God. But it is well as we remember that in essence God is not a person but is Almighty and

Divine Spirit. He is the One from Whom came all that is or ever will be; all law, all order, all beauty, all provision for mankind's welfare, all plans for governing the nations and for ordering the universe. He, Spirit, is all. From Him comes everything that enables us to live and serve.

We may not rightly limit this Infinite Spirit to the outline and attributes of a person, except as it helps our consciousness to closer feeling of contact with Him, the mighty Principle.

Don't let this make you shy away on the theory that Principle is cold and abstract and formless and has no pulling power for the lives and hearts of men. It is much vaster a concept of the Source of all things when we let our minds soar to the thoughts of His Allness and know that He far transcends any possibility of being limited to the terms of human thought in the person of any man.

God is all law. He is all love, all that man can ever need or desire. If He were limited to the form and powers of man, He could not be what He is. And the hearts of the human would suffer with hunger for what He is and gives. This is a troublesome question to earth minds. Many stumble over it and refuse in their ignorance to think it through as far as the mind of man can think through such gigantic and Infinite issues.

I am talking with you about this briefly because I want you to know and to share it with them whom you reach and influence, that spirit does not have human form. It is above all that. Spirit combines all human desires and needs, all ambitions and powers and raises them to the nth degree of possibility.

He is both Giver and Gift. He is the Word which was in the beginning of all things. Can such concept be cold or unsatisfying? It is too vast for earth to understand. But earth minds can accept it even though understanding be delayed for the wisdom that will come through the centuries. To accept by the powers of faith where we do not understand, is real progress. To limit acceptance to what we can understand, is to lose the best and to try to be satisfied with less than our capacity.

Never try to curb your outswEEP of mind to a lesser orbit than it is reaching out to compass! Never be satisfied with less than the all which is open to you, if you seek and aspire in earnestness!

For you are made to inherit the earth, patterned after that which shall have dominion, entitled to share in the Infinite goodness and greatness which God the Father can bestow upon you.

So think of God with the full stretching of your mind to the widest circle of all greatness and goodness of which mind is capable. And know that by whatever name you call Him, He is the Beginning and the End, the All; know too, that He created the earth and men upon the earth that they might inherit and exercise dominion, develop in soul stature as they grow in intellectual power, and in very truth, be His children.

Such God is Spirit, Principle, All that is or is to be. And they who worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

When you worship Him in the silent places of your heart, just accept this as you accept the Father-concept and know that God, Spirit; God the Father; God the Creator is your God and that there is no need which He cannot meet, provided the asking and seeking are in faith and confidence and trust.

Often we get bogged down in our thoughts and go along in our routines instead of reaching out in conscious effort to compass every possible bit of God-life which limitations of the flesh can comprehend and use.

You will be surprised how the capacity of your heart and your mind will be enlarged when you set such standards for your living and for your spiritual feeling.

As in every thing else, exercise develops. Stretching the muscles of your spirit will enlarge your capacity for faith and vision and service in ways and to degrees of which now you can scarcely conceive. Try it! Never again will you be willing to go back to former levels of static spiritual life. What I say to you, I say to all. The God-Spirit cannot be comprehended by any mortal. But any mortal can comprehend much more of Him by conscious out-reach of desire, than man or woman dreams.

Communion with this Spirit God is the sweetest, most satisfying experience the heart can know. I speak from experience while I was yet of earth. And I speak from the far greater experience of my spirit since I came from the flesh into the Realms of Spirit where one breathes the very air of worship.

Communion is quiet. It is deep. It is personal. It is the out-reaching of the finite with its unsatisfied longings to the Infinite in Whom dwells all the fulness of the Godhead.

Communion is not asking for things. It is like resting in unspeakable comfort and joy in the arms of one's dearest beloved, just resting, sharing the very life, needing not to speak to communicate, needing only to be together in understanding and confidence, knowing that what one has, is available to the other.

Communion is contact of spirit human with Spirit Divine, asking only that the wisdom, peace and high consciousness of the Divine be imparted to the earth person which needs such power.

Real communion changes life as no other thing can do. It takes away the superficial, the unworthy and the temporary, giving in exchange consciousness of power for every need and sure knowledge of the presence of God in the heart every moment of the day and the night.

Communion is utter silence when the human merges with the Divine and values of life are changed, standards altered and God fills the heart to overflowing. I beg of you not to fail of learning the glory of daily communing. Nothing else can substitute for it. Without this deep heart experience, life fails of its highest.

HEAVEN IS SO PRACTICAL A PLACE

This land which people speak of as being above the stars, really is right with the people of the world, as we come and go and serve those who need. Those who have gone are closer than your nearest earth associates. So you see we aren't gone at all, except from the flesh and from sight. We see your struggles, know what you are thinking, appreciate your enlarging view points and always are present to help you and others of the world citizenry, at need.

Heaven is such a practical place. Our activities mesh in with earth plans, only a little ahead. We are privileged to foresee farther than earth residents and because of that, we work on faster schedule. The things which will arise for settlement at the peace table are foreseen here among us and spirits of men are being guided definitely from these Planes, that their earthly wisdom may be tempered with Infinite wisdom and their knowledge be increased by what the Inner Planes give them from sources at the Fountain of all knowledge.

There is more earnest desire than you might suppose among those charged with preliminary responsibility for post-war settlements, to know the Truth and to be guided by Unseen Forces. This is the result of the suffering that almost every heart of the world has endured. And it is part of the determination not again to permit the drenching of blood to flow over the mountains and plains of this world, but this time to bring about a peace that shall be just and righteous and lasting.

They who are unseen will be present with the groups who

will debate and discuss and decide terms of present and permanent settlement. These unseen forces will be empowered by the Lord of the Universe to reveal many things of rightness to those at the table. As the struggle draws to an end, there will begin to come over the face of earth a consciousness of new power, of closeness of unseen forces which can be called upon to help in divers ways, as peoples and nations seek to lay the foundations of a better civilization.

These messages will be great help to those who are spiritually prepared for them, showing the vitality of relation between the worlds of the seen and the unseen. This will hearten many who feel that their loads are heavy. The closer you personally can come to intimate knowledge of the life which these talks from the other side of life portray, the greater influence you can have.

It is no impractical thing which we from these Ether Planes ask of you. It is at the heart of where people think and wonder and live.

You will find the way to do all of this to make these talks available to the many needing them.

God's blessings be now upon you.

Have no fear. And do not doubt. All is right.

AN ENTRANCE CREDENTIAL

September 27

These messages come to you from the High Planes of Life, carrying wisdom and knowledge which earth minds do not have, save as it is imparted from the Inner Planes.

Again I say to you that these are given through you, that you may give them out for nourishment of hungry hearts and thirsty souls. Nothing that is earthly can satisfy. Only that which is of the Divine goes to the deep places of experience and gives peace and joy and satisfaction. Hence I speak to you these days on weighty matters of the eternal verities.

Turn now, if you will, to consider with me ways in which the man or woman of earth may make more abundant entrance into the life and love of the Spiritual Planes when earthly career is ended. No material successes will count then. No earthly honors will avail. Stocks and bonds in impressive amounts are less than nothing.

Only spiritual stature is considered; those qualities which have been developed in life and service on the earth plane.

Unselfishness rates high as an entrance requirement to these Realms; that quality which on earth has led man or woman to forget personal preferment for the sake of doing for some other one. It is the way the Master trod. He asked nothing for Himself and gave all that He might ease the sorrows of heavy hearts; lift the burdens of suffering from diseased bodies; open blinded eyes to earth beauty and to the glory of goodness; unstop deaf ears to words of life and purpose and teach the ways of God with man. He never had a thought of Himself. And earth people are adjured to follow Him in thought and example and action!

It is tremendous responsibility to set out upon the road of unselfish living. It involves eyes single to other people's good; ambitions devoid of self-centered purpose; turning the heart and mind outward toward others instead of dwelling upon self. Many there be in ages past and present, who travel that road. And they find it blessed, filled with peace and inner rewards. Always the joy that comes from this quality of living exceeds highest expectations. It is the pattern which we here follow and which we seek to make our own in very truth.

Unselfishness has no partnership with greed for wealth or power, two things the love of which has done more to wreck civilizations of earth than all other influences together. If the unselfishness of which I speak with you this afternoon prevailed among nations of earth, there would be complete transformation of ideals and goals. Earth would then come nearer the standards of the Spiritual Planes than is possible while greed for one's own or one's nation's selfish power stands at the controls.

In the reorganization of world comity following the war, nation by nation must come to consider in a perfectly detached spirit, the good of the whole world and the good of each nation, especially the minority nations which have suffered such dire losses of life and goods and territory, with equal fairness.

When these goods have been considered and included in the general aim of the world reorganization, then it is proper and fitting that fairness toward one's own nation should be expected and achieved. But first, there must be that unselfish concept toward others, nations or men, which is part of the unselfishness of which I speak this afternoon.

It is one of the supreme qualities of the Christ-like life. The word has been bandied about in light ways, so that it seems to lack some of the luster which Divine qualities are

supposed to have. But let not that superficiality disturb you or any. There is Infinite luster and glory in the living of unselfishness, in putting others first; in building up a reserve of Christ-like character through following where He led out among the needy; where sorrow has taken its abode; where guidance is called for; where things of the spirit count for more than things of earth. That is unselfishness!

To bring that record of living when one comes to these Planes of Glory, will mean foundations of strength on which to build yet higher structures of the soul. Let no one despise the essence of unselfishness or think of it as weak or negative. It is the very epitome of courage and Godlikeness. It is the life the Master lived when His feet trod the highways of the Holy Land and when He paid the penalty of unselfishness on the Cross of Calvary.

Think of unselfish living as filled with the glory of God, however humble the services which one renders on the earth plane; as direct preparation for the home-going to the Father's House when one's work is done on this plane of the physical and the doors to more abundant life are opened.

What a credential it is to offer that one has lived with thoughts uppermost of doing for others what they needed and could not do for themselves! I know of no more Divine quality which the human is asked to exemplify than this of unselfishness which has no ulterior motive and asks only the joy of serving! Many such stand among the saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs. See to it that no selfish aim ever lodges within your heart or finds place in your way of living!

THE FINE, WHITE LINE

September 28

It has been hard for you to accept the run of interruptions of late. But such come all through life on earth and the way in which you can accept them, is measure of your spiritual growth. It amounts to this, that wishing to hear these messages, it would be easy for you to resent the affairs that come occasionally to prevent. When you have reached the stage of development where you know that whatever comes is right, you will register real achievement.

Now for tonight! Shall we begin with a matter of much importance not commonly discussed? Here on our Planes, we know more of the significance of truth than is known by those

living according to earth standards. Truth and truth-telling! The two are a master-team when they are employed together.

It would appear to be so simple always to tell the truth as one makes his way through the days of earth living. Not so! Often it is a difficult issue, with much involved. We here learn how like a bright white light is the clean, pure truth spoken in fearlessness and for purposes of honor and integrity. Such light reflects in rays and ways that enhance the cause for which the true word is spoken. As you know and as I remember so well, there is often that shading off from the bright, clear light of absolute truth into murky fog of partial truth; partial deception. On our Planes, this looks to us very disheartening, as we see any child of God forgetting himself so far as to mix the issues. Never does such policy profit the one who uses it.

In high places where one has right to expect utter integrity, there is this shading by a word or phrase from strict lines of what is truth. To veer seems desirable because it appears to gain some point. Often it does win the point and seem to make gains for the one who uses that double standard. But remember that on this plane of spiritual life, every one is known not by what he says but by exactly what he is. He is clothed by his thoughts and it is impossible to deceive or conceal by so much as a hair's breadth what is true and good and what is spurious.

It is worth much while on earth to learn what real truth is worth, how beyond compare its values are and how simple and clean it enables one to keep his slate of earth life. Truth carries no complications with it. Veering off from it involves one in difficulty at once that binds the mind and heart and leaves one all but helpless.

There is such radiation of light emanating from the free telling of what is true, even though it concerns simple, daily affairs. It lifts one high and places him though unconsciously, in an aura of brilliance which to spirit intelligence is significant, however dull of understanding the mind of earth may be toward it.

When you and others of earth come home to these Inner Planes, you will bring with you such merit, such substantial evidence of character founded on strong pillars of truth in every dealing in life, as will start you well forward in the life and growth which you will experience here.

Let no one disparage the fine line which distinguishes the purity of utter truth from the jagged line which indicates half

truth or less than half. That never pays, however old-fashioned this may sound to sophisticated ears. But heed my words! The sophisticated life of earth provides very little equipment for these eternal shores, very little that endures and little that is of use over here.

Strange to talk with you about truth and truth-telling! But you will share these words with some who need to consider the fine shades of meaning herein expressed and to come to new understanding of the vast dignity and beauty which stand forth in undisguised lines of absolute truth! Truth is so vast an issue. It goes so deep into the heart of the Creator's laws and plans that only one small segment at a time may we consider together.

I have chosen to talk with you tonight about the homely values of knowing the truth and adhering to it in whatever the issue is. These homely qualities will surprise you some glad day when you see them in the light of spirit where no fog obscures!

OF COURSE WE REMEMBER

September 28

It is hard for you to believe fully when I start on some new line of which you have not the slightest inkling, that I am leading where you will wish to follow.

Ways of life over here are very different from earth ways. That is to be expected and could not be otherwise. We do not weary nor hunger nor thirst. For we have left blessedly behind us the bodies which helped us during the years of physical existence. But the disposition of that out-worn garment is of no consequence. We make so much too much of that on earth. It is so unimportant. The soul is all important. Sometimes we do not learn these lessons until we have come up higher where the light of spirit enables us to see without difficulty and to distinguish what is transient from what endures.

But though we neither hunger nor thirst nor need the relaxation of rest, we retain all of our mental and spiritual powers intensified a thousand fold from what they were on earth. Where we learned haltingly in the flesh, we learn and grasp and understand with a strange new eagerness over here. And we remember earth life, its problems, and its lessons. Memory here is very keen.

There has been much discussion among earth peoples

whether those who have passed out of sight remember those they loved so dearly. Why of course we remember! Then, asks some one, how can those on the Inner Planes be happy when they see the misery and suffering rampant on this material plane, the loneliness and heart breaks which their dear ones endure? How can they be happy or enjoy the life of spirit existence?

We do remember vividly. Some things we remember with sorrow, as we recall ways in which we might have builded more wisely on spirit lines; things we might have done that would have made us more useful; lives we might have lived closer to the ideals and standards of our Lord. Yes, we remember all of that. But we see it from a different angle up here, where the beginning is visible and the end, at the same time. We see through the softening light of eternal understanding. It makes such difference when we get the right perspective on happenings and on motives. Here we have that privilege.

Of course we remember those whom we have known and loved on earth. Would it be like God to give us such power to love and be loved, then after a few short years, take away all power to remember those beloveds, the while we live on for the ages of eternity? That does not sound like God, does it? And it isn't!

The sweetness of greeting here many whom we have known on earth, seeing them free from all handicaps of the flesh, all lines of weariness gone, all anxiety passed away, all sense of struggle obliterated, and only that left which was richest in their spiritual lives, which had been acquired by devoted lives after the pattern of the Sermon on the Mount, transfigured into beauty and radiance which earth minds cannot conceive, is more than I can express to you.

Can you not imagine something of what it is? When we see the grief of earth, we are not unhappy over it, for we see beyond it to the way it will be resolved in the order of living and overcoming, until the ones who grieve come across the Shining River to these Fields of Asphodel where all is joy and growth and service and love and adoration. Often the ones most newly come to these Planes, are overcome as they realize the tears and mourning of them they so recently left. They try to reach them to beseech them to dry their tears. Then they grow to better heights and see the tears of earth gradually replaced with courage and strength to endure to the end. Seeing the end from the beginning as we here are enabled to do,

makes such blessed difference. It gives perspective and power to see things in right proportion and with values never distorted. Herein you have the answer to the oft-repeated question of earth.

How anyone who knows the goodness of God can imagine that He would require our forgetting the features, the characteristics, the loyal hearts, the dear loves when by the order of physical law we lay aside the flesh and come to the spirit world, has always been something I could not understand. Now I know why I could not understand it. Because it is not true! We remember; we recognize; we look forward to the coming of those we especially loved; we welcome them to adjust to the new order of existence and we rejoice in their manifest growth in this exhilarating atmosphere of rapt devotion to God and His Kingdom.

I beg you never to admit into your thinking or your feeling the slightest doubt of the welcome you will receive when you come, welcome by the many who have known and loved you on earth. And do not doubt, as I think you have not doubted, that those who have come over here, are as recognizable as they were on the earth plane, save for the spiritualized countenance which is part of the growth toward which we strive.

Part of the wonder of this realm is that we meet, thrill to see dear friends, then go on about the missions to which we are assigned. There is never any clinging in selfish desire to possess, which characterizes so much of the personal experience of earth.

Wherever we are, whatever is given us to do, it all is satisfying. It leaves no void of unhappiness or unfulfilled longing. There is no sense of lack or loneliness.

It is all so marvelous, so perfect, with nothing left out, no jarring tone of incompleteness anywhere. There is no Sabbath here. Of course not! Every day is a holy day. Every day is worship and service. Every day we adore and seek to come nearer to perfect stature of God-men.

The longer I am here, the more I marvel at the heights and depths of Infinite wisdom and power and glory of which my mortal mind never dreamed. I could not compass such thoughts as here we learn slowly to think after Him.

No Sabbath? No, for there is no time, no day nor night as you of earth know these divisions of time. It is all such perfection of existence as would disqualify any one of earth who had even a glimpse of it while still in the body.

There is so much to look forward to when your work in the body is done! So never have a moment's dread of the Transition nor of leaving the life which you are living in all loyalty. For you are coming to what is so much more beautiful that the two are simply incomparable. Remember how the Scriptures tell us that "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard neither have entered into the hearts of men to conceive the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." Please believe me as you always did while I was on earth, those words are very truth of very truth. You will someday prove them for yourself as I have proved them for myself; as uncounted millions through the ages have proved for themselves.

Some day the church will begin to learn to interpret much of this which is not now accepted, or is set aside as belonging to the occult. That term is cumbered with opprobrium in many quarters and hence discredited. This is wrong and the time comes when this will be rectified. The world of the physically unseen, is the real world. It is only the other side of life, as real as and infinitely more beautiful than earth. Again speaking of the church, it has failed sadly in not making clear the continuity of life. That phrase should be sung into the hearts of mankind until no one again could think of a separating line called death. It is all one life. There is no death. It is but a passing from one side to the other and more blessed side of life. Continuous! Never-ending! Radiant! And fulfilling every longing which the human heart has experienced.

The minds of men have been dull. They have not seen the truth, or seeing it, have feared to set forth their new beliefs against traditional faith. All of this will someday be overcome. And death will have lost much of its sting.

September 29

In three weeks of your time, you have compassed much knowledge from beyond the Veil. Your spirit is enriched and you are stronger in faith of what the meaning of life is on the earth plane and some of the mysteries from beyond. It is well. But it is not the end. I have much yet to say to you that will be for the good of mankind both now and on the Higher Planes.

For here, we progress as children do at school. They learn one set of lessons. Then they pass to higher grades. So it is with us here in the invisible world. Invisible? Only to the

physical eyes. But what matters that? The eyes of spirit are much keener and the things of spirit are much better worth learning. Lessons of spirit life and growth are worth learning at whatever cost.

In the short time I have been on this Higher Plane, it has been my joy to see many who have been here for centuries, whose spirits have grown to such glorious stature as to be all but God-like. Their personalities are radiant like the bright shining of the sun. Their garments glitter with brilliance and beauty beyond earth textures to illustrate. Their countenances are like the morning. Oft times they are our teachers, masters in those lessons which we need to learn.

As I have told you before, there is no drudgery in our tasks, be they of whatever sort. All are taken care of in the atmosphere of holy and divine love, motivated by desire to serve the Kingdom of God and the children of the King.

How glorious to see how glad every one is at every sign of progress which any of us makes! It was not so on the earth plane, where qualities of living and serving do not always do credit to the human. That is past now, part of the luggage which we were privileged to leave behind, having grown beyond it.

Don't you see how much glory there is in death? How it has so many aspects of release instead of loss? O my friend, if you could convince people of the right way to view this experience which mankind calls death, you would be rendering real service. There is much else you are expected to do while you remain in the flesh. This though, you will accept as a major joy and responsibility.

I wish to inject here some things of a different nature. They may seem incongruous in relation to those things of which I have been speaking through you. Particularly I want to discuss that too-rare quality of self control among residents of earth. Like a flash the occasion comes when as it were, control levers fail to function. The quick word, the hasty judgment, the unworthy flashback, the flashing retort, are released by word of mouth. Does any good ever come of it? Injustice of accusation, false reports, all tend to exhibitions that are not what they should be, in the light of what Divine Spirit decrees.

To keep the control always functioning properly, is evidence of distinct growth in measurements of the spiritual side of life. These latter weeks you have several times been tried

in ways that were exceedingly difficult. You were in position to make a telling retort each time. But you did not! From our vantage point of clearer vision, we see how every such experience of earth is the means of soul growth, than which nothing is more to be desired. It all equips you with what you will need when your time comes to accomplish the Great Transition.

Does self control seem trite and little as a theme from our world to yours? It would not if you saw as we see and could know in what high places the spirit power to control the words of the mouth and the actions of the body, is all but lacking. No truer word was ever given through Holy Writ than that which says that "Grievous words stir up anger." Where anger is stirred or resentment, there is the breeding place of experiences which are out of harmony with Divine will and out of accord with His reign of love and peace and joy.

The hot and hasty words which come so frequently, reveal that lack of inward poise which bespeaks broken connections with the Source of all power, all poise, all control, all peace. Cultivate self control while you live and work with those who sometimes have not cultivated it. If you have it under any and all conditions, you will be a living example to them who do not possess this quality of spirit. It is worth all it can cost in spirit power.

Under the tensions of world conflict, people of earth excuse themselves because of conditions in which they live and work. By so doing, they but increase the tensions, loosen the controls and subject themselves to more severe strains than could possibly afflict them if they were masters of their own emotions. If only you of earth could see how plainly all of this stands out to us on these Inner Planes, the importance of it would be enhanced to earth minds.

SERVICE TO SERVICE MEN

You have been eager to know more about those who are coming to our shores in such vast numbers as result of this global conflict. I would that you could be with me on some of my missions of service that you might see and know for yourself. Knowing, you could never again doubt the reality and significance of the Christian faith. I do not mean that you as a person doubt it. For you do not. But many there be who do doubt it, to the impoverishment of their earth life.

When there is special service to be rendered wherein any of us from the Inner Planes can help, we are instructed and

assigned to specific duty which it is ours to render within the careful instructions of our masters. Such varied conditions confront us in war zones and in peace areas, that always we must be qualified for the right help by word or deed. There may be those of earth who tell you that in armed service men care not for things of spirit life and sustenance. It is not true. Millions of soldiers who in peace times might have thought they were sufficient unto themselves, quickly reach their limitations when death surrounds them, death in a thousand different and often terrifying forms. Then theories these men may have held, quickly desert them and hearts cry out to the God of Whom they sang and read when they were children. Some of them have paid no heed to Him since then. But in times like these, they somehow know He will not fail them.

I have seen men struck down in roaring battle, fires raging all about, physical torment racking their frames. But on their faces, all suddenly there comes a smile, a look of radiance, a whispered prayer to the God of all mankind, a relaxing of all sense of strain as they appear to rest back in the arms of Infinite Love. Often the last whispered word on their lips is of Him. They will hum some tune familiar in childhood, some song of Jesus' love, as spirits leave the broken bodies and they take their flight to the other world.

Endurance which comes with consciousness of the presence of the Holy One and courage to bear whatever the suffering, is witness beyond doubt, of the power of spirit in any time of trouble. Out of this awful conflict has come such quickening of men's hearts to the need for the Infinite Presence in adjusting to the business of earth, as should hearten mankind for the problems of the years ahead.

These men on battle fronts learn the power and beauty of God the hardest ways and under the most trying conditions of which life is capable. If in the brighter years of the future, that line of communication between the human heart and the heart of God could be kept open and in instant repair, never again need civilizations of earth be blasted to nothingness and the ground be saturated with blood of war's victims.

But again it will come if men turn to their own devices and follow where the enticing finger of lust for power beckons them. Only as God is at the helm of this post-war world, as His wisdom is asked and His guidance followed, as His love motivates the lives of people and His plans are permitted to come to fruition, can the price of this devastation be justified.

It is strange that men do not see clearly how the only way of safety and of peace which abides, is parallel with God's way! For His way is founded on Infinite wisdom, builded on Infinite love and offered to men for their greatest good.

But I deflected a while back and I wish to return to speaking further about what we see and experience at scenes of conflict. Never have I seen the Water of Life offered to any suffering, frightened, dying man, fail to bring him a conscious and apparent joy and sense of blessing. It is to them better far than water for their parched tongues, though often we take that to them, too. But that Water for their thirsty spirits is life indeed to them. Many a time I have met them again on the Spirit Planes to hear their expressions of gratitude for what it meant to them in their earth crises. What blessed service this is!

In no place or time have I seen men reject the comfort of offered spiritual help, thus proving the eternal quality of that to which they turn when trouble lays its heavy hand upon them. But from it, they too lightly turn away when they feel adequate to handling the problems of life alone.

Often before bodily life ceases, on the lips of these men will be formed the name of some dearly beloved and it is wonderful to see the light which flashes through suffering and the physical pallor of approaching death, when love again speaks to them, the love of dearly treasured ones of earth and the love of the Comforter into Whose tender care they commit their spirits amid such incongruous surroundings.

But there is where we see other marvels. Surroundings mean nothing in the face of fundamentals. The altar on which the body and blood of the Risen Lord are served in Holy Communion may be a rough board. But the Divine Lord presides at that communion in sweetness of present power to help, which many an altar arrayed in earth's richest gorgeousness, never experiences. The trappings mean nothing. The spirit means everything. The material is as dust. The spirit is life eternal and peace and joy. And now good night to you. My richest blessings be upon you!

INTER-WORLD COMMUNICATION

September 30

You will not be disturbed if this message comes through more slowly tonight because there is static in the air and con-

tacts are not easy to make and keep. Nevertheless, it will come, for there is much to say. Just relax and be unconcerned, knowing that the issues are not with you but with these Ether Planes.

So much confusion has resulted among people of earth with relation to earth contact that I desire to speak more at length concerning it. No word of Scripture indicates the impossibility of such communication. The world mind has apparently taken it for granted that the grave seals all powers of communion between the two worlds. Not so! Human lips are closed forever when the body is laid aside. But the lips were only the exterior instrument of communication. Other ways are available and the contact, world with world, person with person, is made in perfect order and to rich purpose of service to humankind. The church having failed to put its approval upon authentic types of such communion, has deprived earth people of vast comfort and of much knowledge of spirit realms about which they should and might know. In my earth life, I had no contact with what you call the occult. I questioned it, for I was reared traditionally. And though I broke away in my independence of thinking and my search for truth, I still had no special interest in such powers of communion.

All that I had heard of it was connected with methods and personalities that were more or less questionable ethically. It was enormous surprise, after I made the Great Transition, to find that such channels were open as did permit the spirit world to communicate with the earth world. It was no stranger to you when you became convinced of the fact of such contacts than it was to me. You were hesitant to accept it, lest you be mistaken and deceived. I took care that you were taught carefully and not too rapidly for your faith to mature.

Gradually from the first, you showed such eagerness to know and to be willing to learn, that much was opened to you through Tim which usually comes more slowly to the novice.

Your earth scientists are coming to know at last that all is energy, electric vibration in one and another form. Earth vibrates to a much slower rate than these Planes and the process of synchronizing the two is sometimes difficult to learn. There is no desire on the part of those who have lived in this glorious atmosphere for centuries and aeons, and who are our instructors, to prevent lines of communication between the two worlds.

But in addition to there being a sending end, there must

be a receiving end to the line of communication. Those who get their messages through, not only must be instructed until they know the method and until the messages they would send are true and right, but there must also be those to receive and hear, if the contact is to be complete.

Often the failure is at the earth end. This I do not say critically but only to indicate the reluctance of orthodox-minded men to change their views on such subjects. They have not known that such communion was possible and feasible, because the church has frowned on the occult and the atmosphere in which much of this experimentation was made, was guided not by desire to serve God and His Kingdom but for personal and questionable purposes. Thus conservatively-minded people have been afraid of all such investigation and have chosen to brand all such as fraud. It is not fraud. It is genuine and is one of the lines of startling development in the coming eras.

The church concedes that after death, mankind lives on in some mysterious place called heaven. If living, why is communication not possible? No reasonable answer in the negative has ever been made to that question. Indeed there is no such answer.

Men say that if it were possible to talk between the worlds, the Bible would have made it plain. That is specious. The Bible did not make claim of revealing all that man needed and was entitled to know but only main doctrines by which God made known His ways unto man and by which man might guide aright his way through the years of earth life until he would come to these higher spheres of learning and living.

Man was not told inspirationally about the vibrations whereby radio became a possibility and one of the greatest of modern blessings. Man followed the laws of nature as gradually he learned them. And radio was one of the results. Man is following more and more the laws of inter-world communication and increasingly benefits are accruing from knowledge that enriches the minds and hearts of men. Rest assured, my friend, that as you speak with people about this type of contact, you are speaking on a topic of the greatest interest because there is nothing for which the inquiring mind of man seeks more eagerly than for knowledge of the spirit world.

This is natural. Every one has seen dear ones go to the land beyond physical sight. Every one knows that the time of his own departure from earth is uncertain. And he wants to

know about it, where it is, what it is, what it is like, what those do who have already reached it and as much as possible what he can expect from it when he too arrives at this destination. All perfectly natural.

The wide divergence in the teachings of different churches is largely responsible for the confusion in earth minds; responsible too, for the fear which results from the confusion engendered by differing interpretations of the church. When followers of Our Lord come together and take Him at His simple word, earth will be freed of much spiritual unrest.

The mere fact of physical death does not make a sinner into a saint. It does not change his moral or spiritual quality in the slightest. When he comes to these Realms, he is just as he was on the earth plane save that he has left the hampering weight of the body behind him and has come to where every surrounding is impregnated with the life and love of Almighty God and where every association is spiritual in its impact. He thus is so surrounded and encompassed with the spirit of God's love and life and service that his recently released spirit begins to grow in the grace that is God and to learn what the spirit world has to teach him.

This teaching and learning process goes on forever, because there is no possibility of ever compassing the ultimate of Divine wisdom or power or purpose or plan. However long, aeons after aeons, one is on the Spirit Planes, always there is more to learn and more to love and to worship, with always more service to render in the name of the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit the Comforter.

It is everlasting delight in increasing outreach of activity through which we are doing for others that which helps to open the eyes of their spirits to vaster reaches of God's omnipotence.

If only you and others could learn and actually believe that there is no need of your lives which cannot be fully met by the Infinite One, met in ways that thoroughly satisfy, earth would come nearer heaven in rapid strides.

But you go on carrying your loads, wondering how this shall be met, what you can do to relieve that situation, how you can overcome the negative factors, when if only you would open yourselves entirely to Divine guidance to do and to live exactly after that guidance, you would find your problems solved and your difficulties overcome. You are learning. But you have much to overcome of spiritual inertia and

of doubt lest if you do not work it out yourself, it won't be done right! The human is weak. His knowledge is limited; his powers restricted. His vision is within a small area. The Infinite has no limitations. All you can ever need or desire is with Him. I beg you take Him at His word and really try His way of life.

The joyousness of life here on the Inner Planes, is one of the outstanding qualities, one of the great inspirations. Sheer joy fills our lives every minute, no matter what our lessons may be, or our tasks. Joy flows out in worship and spiritual communion, in our association with others, joy that we have been counted worthy to lay aside the weights that cumbered us about on earth and come to these better opportunities of growth and development.

Earth is so sorrowful. Hearts of people are burdened. Faces are lined with anxiety. When we come here and find release from all with which we were familiar in these ways of earth, it seems almost incredible. But it is blessedly true. And so I am telling you at length some of these phases of life up here that you may the more wholeheartedly continue your preparation against the time when your earth tasks will be completed and you come home.

After the many years when your earth home has been lonely, the joy of companionship and of association with your loved ones will be beyond anything which you now anticipate. We see it all the time on every hand, as groups are reunited, after earth separation. It is good to see and to share; good too, for you to know about ahead of time.

And now a change of theme! I want you to know that you are not being left alone to work out the special problems which confront you these days. You are being guided from these Planes and your way is being opened.

The blessing of the Comforter be yours. I give you my blessing. We are learning to work together with greater ease in this special task of privilege. For tonight I leave you!

CARRIERS OF GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS

October 1

And now at the close of your Sabbath Day I greet you gladly. We have covered much ground since the series began. From it will radiate influences that will tell through all the ages. Whatever influences the minds and lives of mankind,

knows no termination. The familiar illustration of the pebble in the pool explains what I mean. These matters, though, are of such significance that the illustration seems a little puny. You understand. And that is sufficient.

Would you like to hear tonight of another phase of our life and service? Different people react differently to the same situation. And in those reactions lies the key to their characters and their individualities, often to their abilities and their ambitions.

On our side of the River of Life we see and are conscious of futilities with which you of the earth plane are faced. We are in power to set influences in motion that start help to you in ways beyond your knowing. To you of the earth, it often appears to be a chain of circumstances which results in various kinds of assistance which you need.

Circumstances, yes. But not in any way, chance. Rather, by the operation of help from these Super Planes where help, inspiration, guidance were guaranteed you that proved to be exactly what you needed in particular instances. Always know that the Spiritual Realm is working with you when you ask it. Know, too, that such help never wearies and never becomes discouraged. Knowing that, isn't it reasonable that you should not become discouraged, however puzzling your path seems at times?

The rituals, the observances, the sacraments of the church, are all fraught with much sanctity in earth worship. They differ, one church and another, reaching out toward the same end by varying routes. In observing these various celebrations, men find much comfort to their souls, for in them, they find a consciousness of God within themselves. The rituals, the forms, the ceremonies, mean nothing of themselves except as they are carriers of God consciousness. Whatever raises the consciousness from earth levels toward God and the Divine, is worth more than it could cost. Through these sacraments, the life and passion of our Lord are exemplified in ways that portray them vividly to the minds of men.

As you eat the Bread and drink the Wine of Holy Communion, you draw nearer the heart of the Father than otherwise you could. It illustrates and makes vivid to human minds all for which the sacrament stands. As you remember, communion with bread and wine was instituted by our Lord while He was yet on earth and is an example of the way men should observe it.

Do not mistake the outer observance of any of these churchly sacraments and rituals, for the heart of them, which always is God, Wisdom, Love, Power, Presence! Unless they mean these to you, they are relatively futile and are only a show. Here on the Plane of the Spirit, we do not need the symbols nor the rituals. For we have the essence of the Godhead, the presence of the Spirit in ways and degrees which the human does not know. Our worship is of the Spirit and needs no formal nor exterior manifestation. At first it was strange to me so long accustomed to the ways of earth. But quickly I accepted the deeper significance of it, to the great joy of my spirit.

I knew you would be sincerely interested in this difference between your worship and ours. Have you not noticed how differently people feel about the sanctities of life? To some, these are stumbling blocks while to others, they are helps. Whatever is of assistance to a person earnestly striving to live the Godly life, should always be cultivated and encouraged. That tends to tolerance and its essential quality in the good life, as humans live it.

FACTS OF SERVICE

I would like to talk with you now about service. Yes, I repeat the word, Service, for I thought you did not understand it at first. So much that passes for it is twaddle, accomplishing nothing, not even giving real pleasure. The word service has been bandied about as other words have been until they appear almost threadbare in the human vocabulary. That cannot be helped. But the actual facts of service, are tremendous in their scope. They cover countless acts of kindness and goodness, unselfishly prompted from the Higher Planes and carried out by willing hearts of men and women who wish as far as possible, to emulate their Lord in doing good.

Where service is rendered without any ulterior motive of selfishness or show off or applause, but to express the spirit of our Lord to those in need, it is of the loftiest and is so accounted and rewarded.

This is the background, the motivation of all our activity here on these Planes. It is this which sends us to uttermost parts of earth to people of all sorts and all needs. They do not recognize us when we go garbed in human form. But somehow the motive carries, the help is given, their hearts are lightened and our mission is accomplished.

More often we go as invisibles, just as so often we come to you when your need for comfort is great. Then we speak to the heart alone, guide and influence in ways that are better than riches. For always our service is the outworking of Divine mind and purpose, than which nothing is better on earth or in heaven.

Skeptical people say they do not believe in ministering spirits, do not believe in any help from Spirit Planes. Generally such talk is bravado. But we are as ready and willing to serve such minds as any other kind. And often we see faces light with consciousness of relief which has come to them from somewhere, they do not know where.

We see signs that hearts have been lightened, they do not know why. But we know that we have been privileged to give them such help from the inexhaustible riches of Spirit as alone could relieve their gloom and depression. It is joy which some day you will share!

You ask how it is that we can come and go throughout the universe faster than on the wings of the wind. Many have wondered about that. I did when I was on the earth with all the limitations which oppressed me. But here we travel without weight or hindrance of any kind, as fast as thought can go. So you see distance is no barrier. To those in the body this utter lightness is inconceivable. Absence of all weariness which used to oppress the flesh, is more than can be understood. Do not be concerned about that. It is not necessary for you to understand. Just take my word for it, for you know I would not lead you astray.

To us here, your earth methods seem very clumsy, marvelous though the winging through the air has become. But soon you will be flying without wings. Does that sound fantastic? It is not. It is part of the blueprint which awaits only the needs of earth to be transmitted to human minds and by them worked out in terms of human practicality, every detail of which was first blueprinted here on these Inner Planes. I may not explain more in detail just now how many of these new devices are to be accommodated to earth needs. But as you read of their being achieved for earth use, you will know in your deep heart that it is another great gift from these Inner Planes to people of earth.

Much is ahead in these ways in the days following the war. Some of it will increase the trend toward materialism which was so rampant before the war. But it will work out

beyond that into ways of genuine service to humanity. Planes without wings are just one of the new surprises for which none of you of earth will be quite prepared. But they are coming, through the goodness of the Creator.

I congratulate you upon the growth you are making in ways of spiritual stamina and power. Formerly you were easily downed. Now you turn your thoughts upward on the instant, seeking help from the only Source of real strength; seeking vision when your way is obscured; seeking comfort when you need companionship; seeking illumination when you do not know which way to go nor where to turn. As this becomes easier for you and as you find greater returns from it, you will be serving most helpfully when you point others to the way that lifted you when you were low. That too, is real service! I go now. Infinite blessings be upon you always.

October 2

Tonight I shall talk more briefly because you are weary from a hard day. What wonder it will be to you when you are through with your earth course and come to where there is no need for rest! But that is not yet! Until that day comes, your strength will be as your day.

The theme I want to discuss tonight is closely related to earth life and hence of interest to all earth people. You wonder what it is, having no clue to what is in my mind. But fear not! All is planned from the beginning in regular order and comes to you in that way.

On earth often the one point of greatest power is self—what each one can get for himself. It motivates most enterprises and many individual lives. Self-centeredness turns in for self alone and does not think of what one can do for others. That is not the life that grows. Self is stunting, defeating in the largest sense. It holds out hands to grasp for self. There is vast difference between holding out hands to grasp and holding out hands to give in generosity or to help some one who needs. The one who wants always to get, does not see how that of itself defeats him. The large life which wishes always to give, finds more and more coming to him which never would come if his hands were reached for getting. It is the same thing which our Lord meant when He said, "He that would be greatest among you, let him be the servant of all." But on earth sometimes our vision is limited and these simple things of life do not always appear in their true significance.

WHERE NOTHING IS LOST

October 3

I thank you for being ready tonight to continue the message. Your load has been heavy of late. But it will be lighter now and you have been brought through a difficult situation. The Inner Planes helped you from the moment you asked for help until your problem was solved. It is always so when the earth mind is willing to leave guidance and direction to the Spirit Planes—and really trust!

We were talking last night about the difference between grasping and giving. Here where we now live who have left the fleshly bodies behind us, there is no desire to grasp, no spirit of wanting anything for self. All is wishing to give every possible service to anybody anywhere who has need of any kind. It is wonderful what a difference there is between the two attitudes of mind and heart.

Everything over here is on quick vibrations, on electrical impulse. Everything is filled with life and glory and beauty. There are no divisions of purpose, no sense of disagreement or of vain strife. All is harmony. So it is no wonder that when men from the strife of battle come so quickly to the peace and joy of these abodes, they cannot quite comprehend it at once. Is it wonder that the contrast is hard for them to understand? Quickly many of them adjust to this new regime, learn the methods of earth contact or devote themselves to helping countless others who come and must have help in getting accustomed to the new world and its ways.

It is thrilling to see the ones here longer help the ones newly come, and the joy and pride in being able to do for others what was done for them when they came. When they find that the Heavenly Home is a place of constant work and growth and aspiring effort, their faces glow at the prospect. It is constant challenge animated by all the spiritual powers of peace and joy and satisfaction.

When those come who on earth planes have had special gifts and talents, let no one think that those gifts and talents are lost on the Spirit Planes. They are not. They are capitalized much more completely than if it were the earth level where so much is lost motion and lost effort. Here nothing is lost; nothing is wasted. Every talent, every gift is used and the use gives great joy.

It is a radiant world here. Clouds never lower before us,

neither does the sun shine too brightly. Can you of earth picture that? Of course you cannot. But I ask you to believe it and to multiply it a thousand fold and to know even then that it is beyond your farthest calculations.

Don't ever let any one, if you can prevent it, think or speak of death in terms of gloom and depression and loss and dark and cold and the end. Death is none of these things. It is the open door to a world of light and warmth of association, of effort that never is futile, of lessons which lift us to steady pitch of concentration and which in learning put us forward in the scale of spiritual progress.

God bless you and keep you and prosper you. Good night!

HIS PERSONAL PROMOTION

October 5

I want to talk to you tonight about the way in which physical death affects the one who is leaving the body and taking on the new garment of spirituality. It comes differently, slowly or painfully or suddenly as it came to me. There was no pain, no mental expectation of the immediate passing except that for many days my entire nature had been undergoing a process of separation from things of this world. I did not know what it meant. I did know that some far-reaching change was coming. My physical organism was letting go of the things of the body though I was continuing to conform to the daily routine of life. My spirit was reaching out in new ways toward greater satisfaction than earth could afford.

As I sensed the gradual break-down of the bodily cells, I knew it could only tend to one thing, the thing from which I had always shrunk. For I had hated physical death. But strangely and graciously, as I approached it, that shrinking disappeared. I felt reluctant to leave the things of earth with much incomplete and some things chaotic. Despite that reluctance, my mind and spirit were so manifestly loosing their hold on earth things that I could only accept the inevitable. The adjustment between the two worlds was made with such relative ease that there was no shock and I found my spiritual body almost before I realized that I had left my physical body. What sense of lightness grew in me, what power, what feeling of completeness instead of the frailty that had held me back and hampered me so long! How clearly I could see the glories from which my eyes had been holden so long! It seemed to

me I could not see enough to make up for the years of my restricted vision.

How radiantly the whole wonderful plan of God the Father burst upon my inner sight as I saw and knew for the first time, how the plan for the eternities of all mankind was to function. It is such a blessed dispensation! So filled with mercy and wisdom and love and grace and Infinite glory! So vastly different from the narrow confines of what the world calls the orthodox plan for saints and sinners!

I have told you in the early days of my first elementary messages to you how I was met and welcomed by him who had been very close to me through the ties of blood and mutual congeniality. How blessed it was to see him again, not sick and suffering and shrunken, as the last few times I saw him on the earth plane, showing in his body the ravages of awful disease. Not that at all! But with an elasticity of presence, a joyfulness of countenance, a confidence of bearing that told me at once how wonderfully he was adapted to his new order in which he had been living only a few short years, as you count earth time. Nothing could have given me greater satisfaction or sense of well-being in that time of transition than to be met by him. To be introduced to the life over here by him whom I knew so intimately on earth and loved so dearly, made my path indeed easy.

Since then I have seen and communed with many whom I had known when we were earth-bound. Always such meeting is fraught with joy and gladness and the spirit is filled with consciousness of growth in the things that are worth while. All the superficialities are disposed of. The temporary earth weaknesses are gone. The jealousies and petty qualities of soul that sometimes obscured the real worth of the earth person had vanished and only the Divine remained. What a difference it makes! In them! In me! How blessed it is and no earth words can express the tidal wave of thanksgiving that swept over my spirit as I realized it the way it is, not the way I had dreaded it all the long years.

What matters it how the body is disposed of? It has done its work, accomplished its purpose and like any other outworn tool should be laid aside for one better adapted to change and growth. The body which has housed the immortal spirit for more or less years, should be put away with respect and dignity. But the attention which is paid to details, at so great

expense and at such cost of heart-break and emotional straining as is often indulged in, is all wrong!

It hampers the soul in its adaptation to its new environment because it is difficult for the one newly leaving the bonds of earth to be held back by the unwillingness of earth's dear ones to release him and let him go.

Sometimes the spirit of the one being released from earth bonds is unable to go free for too long after the body has ceased to be the abode of the spirit, all because of a mistaken sense of love and devotion on the part of earth friends and family.

How much deeper devotion is manifest when all the restraining bonds can be loosened by earth loved ones and the one who is being promoted left free to go upward to life that is not hampered nor hindered by the limitations of the body! How slowly we learn while we are on earth. It is not strange. For then we see with the vision of the finite and hearts shrink from the feeling of earth loss and uncertainty of what the future holds for the one who is going and for those who are left to struggle with conditions of earth.

You have been through this experience so often of losing your dear ones and you have done it valiantly, though with deep sense of loneliness for their beloved presence again. Each time you have experienced it, you have come nearer the reality of understanding that "There is no death!" It is just around the corner, out of sight awhile. Never out of mind or thought or love.

What of those who leave their earth houses out of terrible suffering and under conditions of much uncertainty concerning their readiness to accept the spiritual side of living? No two such experiences are alike, even as no two people on earth experience the same round of living. To some of these the pains of separating from the body are severe. I knew nothing of this in my own case. I laid me down for the night. And lo! my spirit had triumphed over the body. And I was being welcomed by those who awaited my coming with joy and gladness. I tell you this for your satisfaction. And I tell you further, that when you come to join us you will have royal welcome to make up to you in some degree for the aloneness of the path along which you have travelled these years.

However difficult and strained the transition is for some, for reasons of bodily function, always there does come the freedom from earth restraints and the beginnings of true

spiritual development. It is greater joy than words of mine can convey to you. I wish I could make you see it from this view point. Your heart would thrill with joy and you would know how wonderfully worth while it is to study to be ready for making this change from the body to Spiritual Realms. It comes to every one. It is promotion and development. It is not loss! Not ever loss! Talents which old or young of earth possessed, work which they were equipped in special degree to do on earth, personalities that were particularly gracious and acceptable for difficult situations, all are utilized here in ways of so much larger service than earth could ever afford, that we who see the end from the beginning rejoice when we see the one who is freed from restrictions coming up here to employ his talents, his powers, his personality in ways of so much vaster usefulness than earth could ever afford.

Do tell any one of earth when you have opportunity, any one who grieves at loss of some highly gifted dear one whose talents and gifts and equipment seem to earthly vision to be lost, do tell such an one how much vaster is the field in which these very gifts are employed in the sweet reaches of eternity. Here, there are no restrictions, no limitations, no weariness of the body, no unfulfilled desires. Here everything is ready for the largest and best uses to which all one's best can be put. It is really wonderful—weak and impotent though words of earth may be for expression.

There will open to you many avenues for such service to those who do not understand and who have never had satisfaction through the teachings of the church with its earth-bound interpretations of these spiritual matters. I do not say this in criticism. For when I was of the church militant, I shared some of the narrow views. I knew no better. But I did have my doubts, which were evidence of the vitality of my faith. Thus perhaps it became easier for me to adapt to new standards of thought and interpretation which prevail on these Spirit Planes.

I think the church as such, will not wake up and throw off its intellectual and spiritual shackles until it undergoes a tremendous change within and without, discarding much that is traditionally sacred but without any valid sanctity; until it opens itself to a Divinely-given program. Too much—so much too much—of the church program, is earth-born. It offers toys when it should offer the Bread and Water of Life. Hearts that seem the most self-sufficient, are all but perishing for that

which spiritually satisfies. And the church gives toys of rituals, of social programs, or physical activity or discussion groups—anything except that for which the heart is perishing.

Not wilfully does the church fall short. It is that its sights have been set too low; too near; that its heart-beat has been attuned to superficials instead of to the essence of the God-life and God-ordained purposes and wisdom.

When the time comes that men are willing to lay aside that which is ordained of man and accept what is ordained of God, live and work and achieve for God alone and in His Name, then will come such fruition in the realms of spirit growth and power and satisfaction and peace and joy as earth never before has known.

But such change must be God-inspired; not man-planned and set up as a formal program to be carried through on set schedules. Does this sound strange for me to say? You see my entire outlook is changed for the richer and the better.

What a fine talk this has been tonight! Feed on it in your soul, my friend, and share it with those who need. There will be more when next you are ready. And now I bless you and I thank you for your ready willingness to cooperate not alone with me but with the whole plan of the Inner Planes. Bless you!

ESCORT OF GUARDIAN ANGELS

October 8

Welcome, my friend! You are fulfilling a close schedule these days. On this your Sabbath, I rejoice that you have time and desire to join me again in this line of inter-world communication. You long to hear my voice as in the olden days. You wonder why you do not hear it. You say some people have the privilege of hearing the earth voice. Even so, this is better for the present and you accept it as a step toward further communion which will come in the future.

I ask you not to be disturbed at the criss-crossing of earth influences in your daily life, at the quirks of jealousy and temperament, at the one-sidedness of many views which are presented to you—not at any of the things which worry and weary you as you carry your responsible load. Be not concerned. Just move calmly, quietly, evenly through the days. Do all you can. Leave undone what is not within the scope of your time and strength and know that you are guided as you work.

Your mind leaps ahead so often to things you want to do, to people you wish to contact; and you see no time for doing them. I beg you to take moment at a time, do all which each moment makes possible, plan as you see the way opening. Do not go beyond that nor let anything get control of your nerve poise. Now perhaps you are ready for a talk on other lines.

On earth you have so many divisions of the church. What you call religion is split into so many segments, large and small. As time passes, these draw closer together, with few exceptions. They are seeing more nearly eye to eye, and coming to know that the separation is almost wholly a matter of things which are superficial—not of things which are eternal. It is good that they draw closer. The union will continue by degrees as men come to see that questions of earth organization and policy are negligible in the last analysis. Nothing really counts except that which centers the heart upon God and His love and His will.

The earth heart longs for joy and pleasure and peace and happiness. It looks everywhere for them except the one place where they are to be found! The human thinks that someday when the sweets of earth have been enjoyed to the full and the desire for pleasure has been sated, he will turn to "religion" and begin to think about God and religion and heaven. Then of course the heart fails of satisfaction. Peace and joy do not come. Pleasure falls short. Nothing seems left. How strangely the human heart follows its own devices which often are twisted and perverted to less than the best!

There just isn't any experience half as rich, as sweet, as beautiful, as satisfying as the close knowledge of God and His will. Here we see it everywhere. On the countenances of the young, of those who lived longer on earth, in the individualities of the uncounted who compose these Inner Planes! It is joy and peace and rapture in living and serving and worshipping Him who made us and provided for our every good.

It is a marvelous dispensation, this one of earth and the Ether Planes! Most people think of them as widely separated. But they are closer than breathing. Guardian angels are around and about you all the while, around and about others of the earth life, guiding, guarding, helping, inspiring at every turn! Here and there a comparative few are conscious of their presence and their help. You are now! But you didn't use to be! You would have doubted it and been as skeptical as the majority are now. The difference lies in your having learned

through the messages which it has been my high privilege to bring through to you.

Earth people in their limited knowledge of this guiding, guarding, inspiring presence around them from the Invisible, say they've had an idea; or they've just worked out a plan, or something which they needed for an emergency just came to them, they have no idea from where! Rarely do they suspect that these ideas which they needed, all were the gifts of the Presences which work with them from the Invisible and who know the thing needed at just the right moment!

You start from your home some morning in a moment of haste. Before you have closed your door, there comes vividly before you the suggestion that a certain thing which you will need acutely in your day's responsibilities, has been left behind. You say you just happened to remember it. So you turn back and recover that without which you would have been hampered in your day's work. Did it just happen that it was brought to your attention? By no means! You and all are living surrounded by the glorified presences of guardian angels whose privilege it is to help you in every way.

Is it not wonderful? Does it not dignify living? Does it not show you that earth and the Higher Planes are inseparably associated? And are you not warmed in your spirit and comforted in this sure knowledge that you are never left to your own devices? But that always you are surrounded in practical and unfailing ways by the goodness of the Infinite Father? Could anything be more wonderful for you and for all, as you make your way through earth life, than to know that not a single moment are you left to travel alone, to find your own way, but that always the Father has provided you an escort of angels to surround you, to guide and guard you and help in every way which you will accept? Live this to the very full, my friend. And it will profit you much!

Many there be who will say that this is very strange in light of those who meet disaster, accident, trouble and the tragedies of earth. Where are their guardian hosts? Why is trouble permitted to come to them? Why does sickness torment them, if there are these Presences from the Inner Planes to help and protect them?

You remember a few evenings back that we talked together along somewhat this line, with a slightly different approach; and it was then said that man has as great gift from the All-Father wonderful power of choice. That power of

choice has been crusted over with theological terms and debatings for centuries under the general heading of "Free Will."

If you and all others will break away these crustings of debate and know that it means nothing at all except the Infinite love and goodness of the Father who allows each of His children to choose for himself what he will do and which way he will go, you will make great spiritual strides.

There is the answer. Guardian spirits often urge and seek to influence the human away from the path that heads certainly into trouble or sickness or disaster. You hear people say that they "had a hunch" they ought not do such and such a thing. But they couldn't see why they shouldn't. So they went on into some dark abyss. No ministering spirits can go beyond the power of human choice which is inviolately the gift of God to man.

When man will not listen and heed, he takes the consequences. And it does not militate in any way against the fact that no human is ever left without such guidance and protection and inspiration as he needs. It remains with him alone to accept or reject it and the logical consequences which accompany it. That is clear, isn't it?

I used to pride myself while I was on earth, on seeing clearly with my physical eyes until the veil was dropped before them. I said many times, speaking of vision in the dark that I had "night eyes." When this physical vision was no longer mine, the eyes of my spirit began to see more clearly and I was grateful that I could understand better and interpret more wisely the issues of earth and many mysteries of the other side of life.

But when I was thought worthy of coming to these Realms of radiant service and life abundant, the scale of measurement was altered. The earth measuring rod is on a different basis from that which we use up here. Naturally so. You of earth must be concerned with many temporary and transient things which enter into living your physical lives, things which pass away like morning mist but are necessary while they last. So your human measuring rods need to be different from ours which do not take into consideration these human needs.

I wish I had power to enable you to see something of what it is to live here on these Exalted Planes of Spirit life! Mercifully your eyes of body and spirit are holden in their vision, for yet there is work for your doing where you are. And the

two sets of measurement must not be confused, lest you be hampered.

All of this I say to try to show you that as we see with eyes of the spirit and estimate all things with the measurements of the spirit, the whole problem of the universe is different. Little things no longer have power to torment or to harass. We see as someday you will see—in the large. That clarifies everything and gives freshness of tone and quality to every phase of life and service.

We here are very eager for you to learn to evaluate that which is eternally valuable from what has only passing merit and to choose only and always the former. It will contribute enormously to your equipment, to the equipment of everyone who will learn these lessons which you will need to know as you come nearer the beautiful shores of immortal life. I've said it before. I say it again, for it cannot be said often enough, that these shores are not gloomy and forbidding and treacherous and to be dreaded. They are hospitable shores where those who have filled their allotted spans make their happy landings, finding to their inexpressible joy that here is music which only angelic choirs can make. Here is beauty beyond earth words to describe or earth minds to conceive. Here is radiance of color which the earth artist has never achieved on his palette of paints. Here is atmosphere of joy and gladness and worship and love and life everlasting.

Would such life be approached across a dark river filled with dangerous rapids or on a shore where landing was inhospitable? Of course not! That is not God's way. I tell you these things again to impress upon you and others that this is very truth and that it may go deep into your hearts, alleviating forever the false concepts with which your heart has been burdened.

God bless you now, strengthen and empower you to meet every need. I shall be with you whenever you need and I shall come when your mind and hands are free for service.

PROGRESSION OF THE SPIRIT PLANES

October 10

Your altered attitude of mind brings much to you that formerly was not attracted to you. Thus that law works which most people do not understand. You are beginning to under-

stand it as it says, "To him that hath shall be given and from him that hath not shall be taken even that which he hath."

It sounds cryptic as one first thinks of it. But it is sound at the core, hence sound all through. To the one who has love in his heart, more love comes because more love is attracted, capillary-like. From the one who has no love in his heart, is taken what small token of love he may have had, there being nothing to attract it to him.

To him who has talent, one, two, three talents or more, shall come added talents by virtue of the use of such as he has. And they are bound to bring other talents in whatever line these are exercised. You see how the law works as inevitably as the coming of day after night.

You are not to be doubtful when you do not understand the working of any law in the Spiritual Realms. Just watch for the evidence of how surely it works. And you will see that it is as clear-cut in cause and effect as morning and sun rise. That is one wonderful thing to realize in these Realms. There is no inconsistency of action, no crossing of purposes, no failure to bring desired results when the natural cause is set in motion. It makes a marvelous demonstration of the surety of Divine wisdom and Divine law.

In the earth world, the word law is harsh and fearsome. It engenders the idea of penalty and punishment and suffering for wrongs committed. In this Spirit World, it connotes rather the smooth, frictionless working of the Divine will and plan, the bringing of good where good is established, the enriching of mind and soul where harmonies of the law are observed.

We no longer think of penalties and punishments. We have grown beyond them to larger understanding of the will of the Father for all of His children to know and to share His law of love and good and joy and peace. These are the peaceable fruits of His Kingdom and are for all who will take them into the heart and measure every experience of spirit by them. These fruits of the spirit are not for those who wish only to get for themselves and who follow the selfish earth law of acquisitiveness.

Here on these Planes we learn that the way to get, is to give. The more we give, the more we get. You too, on the earth plane are slowly learning that. It is a radiant provision of Infinite wisdom and goodness and transforms the spirit of earth living when it is followed. It too is law, beneficent and great and good. It is another facet of the law of which I spoke a while back this evening.

One sees such marvelous manifestations of it here on these Spirit Planes. The transformations which it brings in character-forming are amazing. For here even as on earth, characters are continually in process of developing. As I have said to you often, life here is one steady growth. As we grow, our spiritual characters strengthen and enrich and glorify in ways that enable us to serve in ever larger scope of value.

You know thoroughly well how impossible it is for any one of earth to stand still. That is out of harmony with laws of growth. Either one goes ahead or he goes backward. So it is here. Nothing is static. It is in every spiritual way one increasing glory of growth and service in all of which every one participates in proportion as his spirit has matured and his powers of spirit have developed.

I want you to think all of this over very carefully and frequently. It is so contrary to the concept which earth people as a whole have of life on this side. It seems to most earth minds incredible and all but impossible. They think of those who have made the Great Transition as being motionless and finished, as losers in the great panorama of life.

On the contrary, we who have come to this side of life, the multiplied millions who through the ages have been completing their earth courses and coming up to these higher Planes of experience, change and grow and expand in knowledge and understanding, in wisdom and power, in love and beauty of spirit, as the seed of earth becomes the tiny shoot, then the leaf, the bud, and finally the full blossom.

The figure of your earth speech is just one illustration of what I am at liberty to use to try to make clear to you and all who read this, something of the order of progression which prevails on this Spirit Plane.

Hold this truth very close to your heart. Dwell on it until it becomes incorporated into the warp and woof of your consciousness. It will stimulate your own spiritual development.

It will show you incentive beyond anything else by which your spirit can measure its increasing stature. As you look back over your earth years, you will be amazed and profoundly grateful to see the change which has come over your spirit. You use new measuring rods by which to estimate life and its values. Your point of view is different and your vision is no longer clouded with dense fogs of materialistic desire and ambition. It gives us here great joy to follow you in these evidences of the outreach of your spirit.

You have come to this place wherein you stand today, the hard way of learning through loss and apparent defeat and loneliness and all but despair. But as you have travelled this earth highway, you have never given up and always you have kept an out-reaching desire for light and understanding and for the power to get at the center of the law of spiritual growth.

You have not yet reached that place. But you are progressing with such rapidity as is consistent with substantial growth. Some days look dark to you. Such days come to all on the earth level. That too, is part of the up-working of the spirit. Too much sunshine is never conducive to strength of growth. There must be rain and clouds and darkness in which the fiber of the soul may strengthen, as the roots grow and spread through earth soil.

There is never any failure here to achieve that for which one sets forth in the conquest of the spirit. Always he is helped and brought in due process of experience to the culmination for which he is best adapted. Marvelous it is to see how this works out in every case. For there is no failure of Infinite plans and law on these Planes. There is not the down-pull of, shall we say, the earth law of gravitation against which you have to work while you are on earth.

That too, contributes the quality of strength and hardiness which your body needs and which your spirit must have. Don't you see how it all dove-tails together as one marvelous design of the Creator, beyond finite mind to comprehend, yet working steadily, daily to help each soul in his earth struggle, and when later he has been promoted to higher levels of progression?

This of which I am talking with you tonight is one of the mighty themes with which we work and of which we study and learn here in these Spheres, as you must do in the more restricted ways which earth allows. But it all synchronizes into one perfect whole when the right time and way come together. And you will see that not one effort is wasted, not one struggle fails to advance you, not one lesson does not carry you toward your desired haven of spiritual prowess.

When you reach an earth goal, you set a new one, higher and finer and farther. So it is here. Always we see higher reaches for our spirits to attain, deeper and richer and vaster. Always to new summits we strive, just as you do. Our momentum is greater and our strength is more adequate because we have completed our earth courses and been called up higher. But it is the same law of progress and rewards and

goals which you follow and which I followed as best I could when I was of the earth family.

It is all so vast, so perfect, so completely one great whole, that I yearn to reveal it to you more entirely than I am able to do, or than would be good for you. As always, one grows in orderly process—not in leaps and bounds. But believe it; hold it in your heart; live up to it in your every day experiences and problems and you will see how it works to your every possible advantage of growth and stability of spirit.

And now I would digress from the theme of the evening to chat with you along another line. Today you achieved a goal of long desire in your earth relations. It will be worth much to you in the years ahead, as you give and receive through channels of service and fellowship and reciprocity of interest and friendship.

This new relationship is eminently fitting and we of the Inner Planes have been instrumental in bringing it to its culmination. There will be much for you to receive that will bring joy and gladness into your life. And there will be much for you to give to others who need the qualities, the knowledge and the gifts which you have. I am indeed glad for you. I have watched you as this new aspect of your life has been developing and have been able to help through the power of suggestion and influence, as I helped you often soon after my passing to these Planes.

Take this new affiliation for all it is worth. Make the most of it. Give yourself to it in every possible way. Adapt yourself to it. Love it and from it will flow streams of love to your heart. Go ahead in your way of growth spiritually. Let nothing hold you back. Let nothing discourage you or make you restless. Just know that all things do work together for good to them who love God. All is working together for your good, even as I said to you soon after I left the body of frailty. Your road has been rough and uncertain and narrow and winding. But it leads steadily higher and you are making good grades now. Grow as you climb. Serve in the true spirit of self sacrifice. And some glad day you will find that you are on the parapets of the World of the Spirit where all is peace and joy and rapture in worship and service. God bless you! I bless you. This has been a wonderful talk!

WHEN THE HOUSE IS VACATED

October 13

I want to talk with you now about other sides of this problem of living as it is related to our side of life. For the two are one in reality. That which makes the greatest heartache is the body. It is that which has represented the one so dearly beloved. That is the part which has been so familiar and so beloved. But as you know so well, it is only the housing. Perhaps I should say it is only the scaffolding for the permanent structure of life which is the spirit.

But when the body—the part which you and all have loved and cared for so tenderly—has come to the termination of its usefulness and life passes from it, the wrench to the human heart is terrific. The body comes to seem to be all. Changes which come to the body as soon as life has passed from it, give death most of its terrors. These changes are so strange and the whole picture is so utterly different that it seems more than frail human courage can stand.

But the body was not intended for more than transient usefulness on earth. It was not built for permanency of housing to the spirit. The elements entering into the body are transient. Soon or late these elements are no longer adequate for protection of the spirit. Then indeed the spirit should no longer be held within the earthly casement and thus be limited in its outreach and its possibilities of growth.

Then either by natural order or by what men call accident, the time of separation comes when the flesh lets go its hold upon the immortal spirit. The temporary, transient housing, the body, has done its work either in a few years or through the whole human span of years and there being nothing more for it to do, the Divine dispensation decrees for it to return to the dust from which it came. Why not? Its work is done. Its mission is ended. It is eminently fitting and right for it to return to its component earth elements, the spirit winging its glorious way to the endlessness of joy and peace and growth and service!

I wish to impress upon you and through you upon others, the mistake which is so often made by earth people of seeking to prevent the return of the physical body to its original dust. Science has not found any satisfactory or feasible way for protecting the body against the normal, natural decay which is due to set in the moment the spirit has passed from it. Why

should the housing endure, the scaffolding if you please, when that which it has served no longer needs it? The sooner it returns to the dust, the better. Tendency to cling to the body has nothing good in it and hampers the spirit in its adjustments in the newer realms.

I hope you will take this message, this advice, seriously and do your best to further the belief in the wisdom of permitting the physical structure to resolve itself into its basic elements in the way which nature intended. Thus every best good is advantaged.

While I was among you of earth, I felt very strongly about methods of bodily disposition. To you I say now that the method of my choice is far the preferable from every view point, as I saw it with earth wisdom and as I see it now from this higher outlook and with clearer vision. Since there is no vital argument for or against any method, no moral argument in any event, it will always remain that people will follow their inclinations, those inclinations generally being the traditional method of disposition to which they have been accustomed. Seldom does one find the person who thinks clearly enough through such a problem to break away from custom and decide for himself what is to be done and to follow that decision to its conclusion.

When you can use your influence in such decisions as to the final disposition of the body, you will be rendering real service. I am grateful indeed for the choice I made many years before I left the earthly abode; grateful too, that I clung to my insistence of desire for that method when the day came for the release of my spirit. Oh, what freedom and joy and lightness I experienced the instant I was let loose from the shackles of the physical! I wish you could know what I am really trying to say!

If only these physical aspects of death were absent, much sorrow and unreconciledness to the flight of the spirit would be gone! For it is only the physical which passes away, having completed that for which it was made. Wherefore not rejoice for that fact?

The spirit instantly joins the great host of those similarly released from the bonds of earth and begins its larger, more radiant life. That which has no beginning and no ending, which is immortal and Divine, lives forever! It is this blessed truth upon which I base my statements made to you in these messages—"There is no death!"

When the great of earth who have lived and worked in high places, come to join the hosts of the Spirit World, their earth greatness carries no weight whatever. They are here exactly what their true spirit worth is. They are rated at just what they have brought with them of spirit worth, just what they have built within themselves during their earth years. Nothing else matters or counts. Their earth power or prestige or wealth is worth nothing at all. Their only wealth is the spirit values, the spirit qualities which they have built within their hearts and which qualify them for entrance into these Abodes of the Blest.

This is a sobering thought to those of earth who often lean unduly upon their material possessions, only to find when they come hither that they have crumbled as dust beneath their fingers. The truest test of the treasures one is amassing, is whether they will be of service in the life of the Spirit Planes or whether they are of the earth, earthy.

We see here many a look of amazement and shock when some one from the higher courts of earth comes here to these Planes and realizes that what he has brought with him is of no avail and has crumbled already as if it were dust of the earth. As indeed it is!

On the other hand come many, countless ones, from lives of lowly service, who have thought not of themselves nor their ease nor their pleasure and who find themselves very rich here with such treasures as do not rust nor crumble nor pass away. The joy on their faces as they realize what their lives of loyalty have done for their spirits, is transforming. And they have their rewards!

I wish so often that I might enable you to see the entire scope of life from this end of things so you might understand more easily what the significance of many things is. What is dark to you now, would be light and many things which are difficult to understand would be as crystal to your vision. But it will come, the day when you will see and know!

Loyalty is one of the greatest qualities in the human heart and when it is translated to these Higher Realms, is infinitely greater in its outreach. Stay by it in your life. Of course you will. It will repay you not only while you are upon earth, but later when your mortal has finished its tasks down there and you are ready to begin this loftier, more satisfying existence.

Loyalty is another word for or another aspect of love of

the highest, in whatever realm is concerned. Love loyalty and practice it. Live it in every relation of your earth career and you will be richly repaid both now and in the life to come. I speak of that which I see and know in many quarters.

God's richest blessings be upon you and upon that which you are doing in your earth work. Its outreach is greater than you think and it will continue to expand in values. I give you my blessing and shall be so glad to continue these talks. Good night!

FLAME-LIKE FAITH

October 14

It has been great joy and high privilege to prepare the "bones" of these discussions, then to complete as nearly as we are permitted to do for earth use, the arguments with their earth coverings of words and finally to transmit them through your mind and your hands. Rest assured that the influence of all this will be far-reaching, both for the earth world and for the preparation of minds and hearts of the human before they come to these Higher Realms, that they may be more ready to begin their growth in spirit life.

Tim's amazement at the quality of much that you read her, is indicative of the quality of life and thought on these Ether Planes where everything is geared to utter truth and in accord with the eternal purpose for which it is being prepared.

Does not all of this, my friend, intensify your feeling of lofty gratitude for the honor which is yours in being the channel through which these words flow from the upper levels of eternity? You have, throughout your earth life, chosen to serve. And that is one major reason why you were elected for this work. Every ounce of your strength and every hour of your time devoted to it, will be your great spiritual reward, in God's own good time and way!

Let not the fear that some will question the veracity and accuracy of these messages, or your dependability in putting them forth and in sponsoring them, hold you back one jot or one tittle. Always there is a spiritual price for such service. Our Lord in His earthly life, paid it. His followers have paid the price down the centuries. Of your part in receiving and transmitting these words from the Inner Planes, many will be critical and some will be sneering.

But did I not say to you early in this series, that you were

to pay no heed whether others like what is contained in them? I say it again. I repeat further; that you are being guided in this not by earth standards but by standards of which the Inner Planes have full knowledge. Abide by them. Know that I shall not lead you astray. Let no anxious concern enter your heart. Trust! And go ahead! That way lies victorious service.

And now I would like to talk with you on another matter which is not remotely in your thinking. You wonder whither I am leading. But you no longer are fearful, as you were at the outset—great gain on your part, another exemplification of the high quality of faith necessary for every great spiritual adventure. If I could show you something of the rarity of faith, show it to you visually, you would see the most luminous and beautiful translucence of which your physical eyes are capable. Not only translucence but sheer radiance of white as clear as crystal, as pure as the driven snow, as eternal as God Himself! That would be the high quality of faith that does not waver nor ask proof in earth terms; faith that adventures ahead joyously, banking on the surety of the Eternal God—and never doubting! Such faith would move mountains, as the Holy Scriptures tell us. And as I told you soon after my passing into this glorified life, it is all the Divine asks of the children of earth—simple, child-like faith in every issue of life and work.

This quality of heart seems so simple to exemplify. It is simple. But it is the very peak of achievement when the human heart is able to reach out and step out in absolute faith on the promises which the Loving Father has given, and not waver; not hesitate; not doubt; just believe! Just trust!

There is no limit to the spiritual growth that comes to the heart which can so embody the great elements of faith that give those radiances of life and of experience of which I spoke a moment ago.

It is not necessary to urge upon the child the matter of having faith in its mother nor of trusting the strong arms of its father. The child could not do other than accept mother and father in complete and satisfying faith for everything it needs.

All who live on earth are children of the Father. His promises cover every need of life and of the human heart. In sorrow, they are comfort. In need, they are substance. In uncertainty, they point the unerring way. In suffering, they are strength. In anxiety, they are assurance. They are all that any human heart can ask for. Living by these promises is the

sweetest, simplest, most satisfying experience of the heart. They solve every vexing problem!

Yet because the human cannot see faith with the physical eyes nor tell in advance how it is going to work out nor why it is the way it is, nor the fashion of its accomplishing the desired purposes, these simple carriers of God's assurances, His promises to humankind, are left unused, quoted often, rarely lived to the measure of their capacity. And to that extent are human hearts bereft of life's most exalted experiences and deprived of the richest rewards in soul growth that can come to the earth resident.

The greatest things in the world have been accomplished by faith. Without it, life is lacking a foundation. I speak commercially. All such transactions are carried forward on faith in the integrity of all concerned. Scientifically, faith is at the bottom of the greatest achievements. In the area of emotions, faith is to be depended upon and will bring great rewards. I beg you to remember that through faith in the Infinite, every need, every aspiration of your heart can be met!

It doesn't matter that you do not see how. If you could, there would be no need of faith. When the way is clear and the going easy, faith plays not so strong a part. But when the going is difficult and the road winding and shrouded in uncertainty, then magnificent faith plays such role as cannot be over-estimated. If only you of earth would reach out and take hold of faith and live by it; lean upon it; keep constant company with it; love it and know that the bonds of Almighty God are behind His promises and that they will not fail, there is simply nothing that could not be achieved!

In individual life and perplexities, in business affairs, in community and national and international problems, this clear, flame-like faith is the answer to the ills of civilization today. For faith represents God Himself Whose promises they are; Whose word is out to those who believe and accept what He offers. To those who do not accept what is offered, faith is a vacuity; a non-entity; a mere emptiness. And they are the losers of all life's best.

You wonder why I have elected to speak again tonight of this matter of faith. It is because from these Higher Spheres we see so clearly how the absence of faith is hampering the plans for reorganization of society and government and every form of civilization. Until it becomes a component part of the planning,—this child-like faith in the promises of God,—much

that is being done is like the house that was builded upon the sand. When storms come and winds blow and beat upon it, there will be no foundations of strength beneath it. The storms will come and the winds will blow. The foundations are vitally necessary. And faith in the ways of the Almighty and in His words is the cornerstone of what will stand. Mark my word on this matter!

Here and there we see shining examples of the power of faith to achieve what seems utterly impossible. Nothing is impossible where God is. And He is everywhere! It is part of our business from these Ether Planes to influence human hearts to greater trust in that which never fails; to substitute that trust, that faith for the unreasoning fear and grief and lack of courage which are devouring many hearts and despoiling many lives.

Thus I speak earnestly to you this evening, commending you for the measure of faith which has grown up in your heart, urging you to unwavering confidence in the power of the Infinite to meet your every need, no matter what it is! Good night! God bless you and keep you and cause His face to shine upon you and give you peace!

BOTH SIDES OF THE VEIL

October 15

Does it matter how sidereal time synchronizes with time here on our Higher Planes? Not for any spiritual purpose and not for any victory in practical living which after all, are the two most vital matters for the human to consider. While you are on earth you govern your living by the time systems of earth. When we from the Ether Planes communicate with the earth plane, the adjustment of our time is accomplished with sidereal time, rates of vibration are harmonized and the lines of interworld communication are open! Technicalities are not of interest to the earth masses and might not be comprehended by them easily. Therefore since they are not essential to spiritual understanding, they are generally passed by and the matter is considered only when there is reason for it.

Tonight I want to talk with you on another theme which will be revealing to your spirit and to spirits of those others who will share the truths of these messages. How does it come about that many communications from the other world are open to question as to their genuineness; questionable often

as to the integrity of those through whom they come? It comes about in these ways. Always there are those who seek to serve their own financial needs through playing on the credulity of people, especially when hearts are in grief and bowed with uncertainty of procedure, or aloneness, or who seek light on the way their feet should go. In these and many related conditions, the human seeks help wherever he believes he can find it.

From earliest times, there has been great curiosity of the human to know about those who have preceded them to the Spirit Realms. Put these two sets of circumstances together and you will understand why there grew up a body of people from time to time who, for compensation, alleged their contacts with Spirit Realms and claimed their ability to provide messages directly from our side of life.

From as far back in history as the Golden Calf—farther than that—the human has wished to see evidence of what he was worshipping or believing. This attribute of mind has led to the use of exterior devices through which many have believed that physical manifestations were conclusive proof that word was coming through from the other side of life.

Cruel deceptions have resulted. The spirit world has been prostituted through much that purported to communicate with these Realms which never left the lowest depths of earth! This type of thing has been profitable in terms of financial supply to those who trade on the desires of the human to penetrate the Veil, and almost destroyed faith on the part of careful, conscientious people in the power of inter-world communication. It is unfortunate that this is so. But it is.

People make their agreements each with the other, to the end that whichever goes first to the other side of life will get word back to earth planes, showing by the use of certain words or shibboleths, that the communication is genuine. Often such compact has been publicized widely and the world, always curious about such things, has watched to see whether the certain contact was made between the two realms of life. When failure has resulted, the spirit of skepticism is stronger grown and thoughtful people become convinced that inter-world communication is impossible and not ordained from God as within the Divine plan.

That always raises a barrier of lack of confidence in those who penetrate the Veil between the two worlds and who do bring the most authentic, the most genuine, the most inspiring

words which the heart of man can conceive; bring such words straight from the heart of the Infinite, alive with His love and grace and goodness, to the end of earth lives transformed and faith immeasurably strengthened in all that is Godlike and good.

Often it is that the most purely spiritual of such contacts are accompanied by brilliance of illumination round about the one through whom the messages are coming or by a conscious sense of strange magnetizing of the person or the room where the messages are being received. But not always so. The Infinite is not limited to any one way. Neither is the spiritual subject to command from those of earth to the end that certain words or phrases be transmitted from higher to lower planes of existence.

The sure, unfailing test of the validity of spirit messages, of the integrity of all which purports to come through from those who have gone on ahead, is the effect that is left following the message. Where the spirit of the human is uplifted and inspired and strengthened and made more amenable to the will and love of the Divine Creator, it is sure evidence that there has been genuine contact with the forces of good on our side of life.

Such messages are healing to the body and cleansing to the spirit. There is no reason why there may not be frequent communication between these two realms, provided the desire is not one of self-seeking or self-aggrandizement or for the sake of earthly lime light.

Such marvelous contacts are being made in every part of the world by those who often need only the open mind and the aspiring heart and who know how to tune in with the vibrations along which these messages come.

But without such meshing of the two rates of vibration brought about by desire for what is good and serviceable, there is reason to question the validity of that which purports to come.

As I said to you before in this series, there are those spirits who have not completed the change from the evil of their natures, who have not come under the transforming power of the Divine and who do not desire the good, but always the evil, even as they did on earth. Of them my only word is, "By their fruits ye shall know them." These too, are eager for earth contact. Sometimes they accomplish it. But the results are evil and are to be avoided. The day will come

when their spirits will be purified and their service be good and useful.

When I was of earth, it did not occur to me that such communication was permitted between the two worlds. It was rather of an order of thing to which I felt superior and I paid no heed to it. But I was not long here before I saw how in error I had been and realized that it is part of the Divine dispensation to provide this channel of communication along which help may flow, and comfort and wisdom and greater strength than earth can give.

Just at that time, Tim was brought to you and I began to prove to you the possibility and the genuineness of this earth-spirit contact. It has done more for you than any other influence in your experience. Even as I was ignorant of this open channel, likewise are many others who are as open-minded as I thought I was on earth.

Through this series, you will give them as much truth as will open their eyes, enlarge their spiritual understanding and enable them to see and believe the close participation of this life with that on the other side of the Veil. The church has always avoided this great channel of spiritual truth, fearing that deceit and trickery and the difficulty of regulating the vibrations of earth with those of Higher Realms, would bring the church into disrepute. Thus through fear, it has lost one of the great opportunities to serve and to bring comfort and light and power and understanding to the hearts of mankind in ways that would be compelling and beautiful. The church has lost this opportunity in just the way that it laid aside all responsibility for teaching the spiritual healing of the body. And the reason is that the mighty doctrines on which the church was built have had to be carried out and brought into manifestation by humankind, with all the weakness and littleness and lack of understanding of high things which too often characterize the human.

Pitifully often the doctrines which are so mighty and so God-ordained have been left to small minds to exemplify and to little men to bring into manifestation. Often the result has brought the church into greater disrepute than would have come by standing by the sure things of God and abiding in the strength of His Infinite plans. Even so, the church has made marvelous contribution to the world.

Avoid that which is spectacular in and of and for itself; that which is patently motivated for compensation or for

publicity or to satisfy elements of curiosity or to play on the inherent credulity of the human heart.

All such—and you can tell them instantly—are definitely of the earth. As such they are to be avoided though they may not be grossly evil of themselves.

The beautifully spiritual, the true contact with these Inner Planes, is always characterized by the sense of the sanctity of the message, by the inner consciousness that knows that such words as come are genuine, that interprets the personal evidentials as comforting assurance of the validity of the sender. And it always leaves the heart stronger for life's battles, the spirit purified and the mind ready for greater wonders.

With this I leave you now, grateful that I have been privileged to clarify this difficult question through you, for the many who are in doubt and who do not know what to believe. I give you my unfailing blessing and the blessing of God the Father.

WHERE YOUNG AND OLD MATURE

October 16

It is good that the hour has come for continuing these talks with you. You need relaxation and the consciousness of the presence of the Divine upon your troubled mind. You must grow in spiritual stature until it will not trouble you when words are spoken that cut across the grain of something you have stated. Always that has been difficult for you. But you do grow in that way and some day you will be able to let such things roll off your consciousness with entire ease.

Tonight, a theme in which earth minds are always interested! Do those who have completed their work in the flesh remain at the ages at which they left the fleshly garment and took on the imperishable robes of immortality? Does the baby who passes over while yet an infant remain at that age of immaturity? The one of advanced years, does he remain what earth phraseology calls "an old man"? Does the half-grown boy or girl remain static at that point of earth age? In one way, what does it matter if the answer to these questions is one thing or another? Nothing, except that it will give comfort to that part of earth questioning in which abides an element of uncertainty and hence of fear. Thus the questions are desirable to answer without going into too much detail.

The babe who comes to these Fair Realms does not remain at that tender age; nor does the man of advanced age remain "an old man," nor youths at the point of development at which they journeyed across the River of Life. Each of these and of all groups coming hither, grows gradually to the point of his or her greatest power in intellect and spirit and power to serve. The baby matures in spirit stature and in powers of intellect and soul to the place of his best powers of development. From the old person drop away the years of frailty and he finds himself without signs and evidences of decrepitude but with alertness and ambition and all the things of which he was capable at his best on earth.

There is no one that stands still. Always there is progress, so that the original best of his powers of development is but the point of departure from which he, babe or man grown or woman skilled in earth leadership, begins a new and unending regime of progress in every way that is finest and best.

Can you imagine any point in life at which the Divine Creator has not anticipated the finest desires of the earth mind and planned so much more wisely and beneficently than could be conceived by humankind? It is never-ending source of amazement to us here who see the outworking of these plans as you who are still cumbered about with limitations of the human cannot possibly see.

Nothing here is left half-finished nor incomplete nor unsatisfying. Everything which is begun with the powers of the Spirit Planes, is carried through to radiant completion. And what is done, is done with no ragged edges, no loose ends nor with lack of satisfaction which attends enterprises of earth.

It is part of the supreme joy of existence and service on these Inner Planes of which I have so often spoken to you for your joy and for the comfort of those who will profit from these clear expositions of life and service on these Planes of Unending Life.

Does it sound egotistical for me to speak thus of what has come to you through me? It should not so sound. For I have told you before that as you are the channel through whom these words are given to people of earth, so the words that are given you from me are carefully prepared by those much wiser in the knowledge and Divinity of these Realms than I; prepared by them and shared with me; permitted to be given by me with the personal evidences out of experience while I

was of earth and served with you, that you may know beyond shadow of doubt that they come from and through me.

That re-statement removes any charge of conceit that others might attach to my previous statement, I trust. For here cooperation reaches its highest peak of perfection. We work together. We learn from those who are our instructors and who from their ages of life in the Spirit World are able to interpret the will and wisdom and purposes of the Master.

There is no questioning except in the interest of clearer understanding; none that is tinged with doubt or misunderstanding or dissatisfaction. Neither is there selfish ambition to outstrip any other or to outshine. All of that seems too paltry even to remember from the years when we were residents of the earth plane. How blessed it is to leave them behind us and to go forward unshackled!

I commend all of this for your thinking and digesting intellectually; but principally for digesting with the powers of your spirit, that it may become entirely familiar to you and you be equipped to help others over what may be to them hurdles of mental darkness and uncertainty. That is the purpose of these messages entrusted to the human you!

Nothing more which I would say on the theme just presented, seems essential at this point. So we shall change to another line of thought which will have much interest to all of you. I want to talk about the justice of laws which prevails here and operates through the ages with the hosts that come from every clime and age to the Planes of Ether life.

CONTINUING CHANCE

For justice in the highest degree is at the center of the Creator's plans for His children. We were taught—you and I and millions of others—to believe that death ended our chance of the happiness of heaven. Any one who passed from earth without consciousness of spiritual peace with God through Jesus Christ, was doomed forever to punishment and barred from the joys of spiritual reward.

Such is the teaching of the church, of almost every church on earth. I preached it while I was of earth. In lack of other knowledge except inward premonitions that the teaching was incorrect and out of harmony with God's will, there was no means of which I knew by which I could learn a better interpretation of the Divine will.

In my deepest heart, I never believed nor accepted that the loving Father would blast all hopes of eternal joy, if at time of physical death, the one passing upward was out of harmony with Him. It scored too large an element of loss in terms of the human potentiality. And loss is never in God's will.

When I was promoted to this life of the spirit, I learned to my intense joy and absolute satisfaction, that earth teachings were not correct, however orthodox they be called. For standards of what is or is not orthodox, are man-made and hence are susceptible to errors of the human mind!

When one comes through the gate of physical death to these Inner Planes, he is just as he was in spiritual stature when he left the earth house, no worse; no better. The fact of dying does nothing to him except relieve him of the fleshly body. If his heart is attuned to the love and the will of God through Jesus Christ while he is of the earth, he is able to start on higher levels of grace and service because of that which he brought with him from earth—things of faith and goodness and truth and loyalty to the Highest. These qualities of his spirit are the measure of him when he comes to us.

And from exactly where he was when he came, he begins his growth and understanding and service in these Realms. There is no camouflage; no pretense; no assuming that he is better than he is. The spirit atmosphere is not good for deception.

If the one who comes has lived on low levels of earth morality, of truth and goodness; if he has despised these and neglected the teachings and the spirit of the Son of God; if he has done dishonestly and lived unworthily, when he comes to the other side of life, he brings with him exactly the qualities which he developed while he was of earth. He is no different from what he was before death except that his physical body is left behind.

He must begin just where he was, often knowing nothing of the love and purity of God, caring nothing for them, seeking in no way to do His Infinite will. But justice that is Divine gives him his continuing chance to build up for himself those qualities of soul which ultimately will afford him the same joy and rapture in the life of the Spirit Divine that the one enjoys who was a saint of earth.

How long does such transformation require? Who can tell? Growth comes in varying degrees of rapidity, dependent

upon the eagerness of the soul and the entirety of submission to the processes of growth. There is no more definite answer that can be given. Those who come hither with hate and malice and envy in their hearts, do not find it easy at first nor for a long while, to be surrounded with atmosphere of love. It is not acceptable to them. For their spirits are out of tune with vibrations of goodness and love. Therein abides their measure of punishment for failures of earth.

But nothing is impossible with God. And ultimately by the transforming power of Infinite love and goodness, these hearts are changed and as the ages pass, they by the justice that prevails throughout the Creator's domain, grow into likeness to Him Whom they come to love and serve. It rejoices me to talk this through with you and thus to give you the correct answer to these vexing questions that torment many earth minds. You have in your keeping much from these Inner Planes which will be new to the earth mind and it has been trusted to you for use. My blessings be upon you. God's grace grow in you and abound with His plenitude of joy and satisfaction. There is yet more for this series! Good bye for now.

PROLOGUE TO PART THREE

Each Part of this book has different and dominant characteristics. In Part One, the messages began to come through the "Receiving Station," carrying their many personal and well-remembered evidentials. These were so manifestly designed to make us very sure of their origin; as also to make clearer the possibility and feasibility of Inter-World communication. Of this latter, I especially had to be certain. I was not skeptical. But I needed to be convinced beyond any shadow of questioning.

Part Two moves ahead directly through me who was at first a reluctant channel for receiving and recording these words of inspiration from the Inner Planes. The directness of delivery made possible in this way, became more powerful than when it was necessary for The Counsellor to speak through a third person. The messages rose to more profound levels of spiritual consciousness, revealing wisdom that every human needs. Each portion of all this centers in the vast mystery of the Unseen World and is animated by the purpose of the Spirit Planes to give earth people deeper and more satisfying insight of knowledge into the other side of life and its close relation to the earth side. There is even so, in Part Three, a definite stepping-up to higher interpretations of all that binds the two planes so closely together.

The themes presented in Part Three are utterly fundamental to the good life and appear to belong more closely together than by the mere fact of their chronological succession.

Often in the course of this book, The Counsellor speaks of his messages as "lessons." He takes up a theme, discusses it briefly and clearly, lays it aside, then later approaches it again, some of them several times, from another angle and goes more deeply into whatever phase of an issue he is discussing. The technique is that of the teacher with difficult lessons that need to be explained and repeated to his students until, step by careful step, the entire theme has been covered.

A significant aspect of the lessons contained in this book is their universality. Except for some personal references for the sake of effective illustration, each sentence from him seems as if spoken directly to the one who is reading it. This quality of universality has been attested repeatedly by those many with whom I have shared portions of these messages which came along the ether waves to take their places here.

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CRUX OF THE WORLD MUDDLE

October 18

The hour is again at hand and I rejoice. Your hours have been long and your work exacting. This will change for your good before long and you will have more freedom. Meanwhile, go on about your business and do not take it too seriously. A lighter touch will be better for you. Things will not go to smash if you do not get them done on the moment when you would like to. Learn that lesson! It is a good one.

Many problems are perplexing the world at this time. Some of them from human viewpoints, seem unsolvable. With human wisdom alone, they are. With Divine wisdom, the answers to the riddles will easily be found. There you have the crux of the world muddle. Man has tried to run things his way. And he has made a mess of it. It is too big a task for finite powers.

Only as man comes to see that he alone is inadequate to negotiate world re-organization and to make and keep world peace, will there be a turning to the way of the Spirit Divine for the power and the wisdom that will bring to pass what races of men need and must have.

Here on our Inner Planes we see so clearly the lines of demarcation in which is being blocked out the plan for immediate post-war adjustments. In places they show light, meaning that there is much that is hopeful in certain directions. In other parts the background is as black as night as we see and study it, meaning that the human elements of self seeking and greed for power so far over-rank the qualities of unselfishness and desire for human good, that it is as if a thunder cloud with its blackness were blotting out the sun of a summer day. Not in this way nor with this spirit can the new world order come about nor peace with justice abide among races of men.

You of earth say there has been so much suffering during this war, that men's hearts have been purified and civilization will be on new levels following the peace agreements. In a way and to an extent this is so. Suffering in some portions of the globe has been unbelievable.

But in your country, save for men with the colors, in others of the dominant nations in the same way, suffering has been at a minimum and hearts of many men qualified to lead, have been hardened by the acquisition of more gold than ever

before they knew. Not only with gold but with the sweets of unusual power. This power and the gold they will not easily relinquish. All the vast hordes of enslaved men must be provided for, that they may come to their full stature of manhood and render their just account of life at its earthly close. Ramifications of problems enter from every direction and run hither and yon across the human pattern.

The human mind is not in existence which can grasp the problem in its entirety and find solutions to it that will rid earth people of the sorrows that compass them. It will be well for those in positions of power to remember that with the Almighty there is no great nor small and that He is no respecter of persons. Only to those who ask in loyalty of heart and commitment of purpose will He grant His wisdom and the strength of character to carry on and complete such revision of the civilization of the world as will justify in some degree the terrors of this global war.

Years will pass before final adjustments will be made and the last of the suffering be assuaged. In the interim the entire pattern of the life of the world will be re-made. Races of men will be transplanted to other portions of the globe, balances of racial power will be set up that will conform to new ideas which will be put in force and be radically different from former balances of national and commercial power. In both there are possibilities of good but almost over-balancing the potential good, is the danger of this dominant quality of supreme selfishness in human hearts. In no degree has it been eradicated. If this sounds to you like bringing religion into statesmanship, so be it! I am talking with you tonight on one of the most appalling themes of which your modern world knows and which it faces ill-prepared to find solutions that are true and righteous. Unless they do square with qualities of goodness and rightness, they will not abide and the equilibrium of life will again be despoiled, with worse despoliation of the things of civilization.

Religion or no, the word of Jehovah is true. His wisdom is supreme. His plans and specifications are Infinite in their scope and their truth and goodness are for all men.

Anything less good than these, less well-founded than on Him and His will, can endure only while favorable winds of earth life blow. But when storms of national disputes rise; when aggression mounts and attempts to ride against his neighbor nations; when power goes to some aspirant for world

leadership and everything is grist for his mill, then the house ineffectively founded, the nation insecurely grounded other than on Omnipotent wisdom, will fall. And nothing can prevent it! Some of them of whom the world does not now think, are headed for a fall.

As in the ages gone, with Sodom and other ancient cities, the one redeeming factor is that there are those in whose hearts the love of the Father abides and who desire above all things to do His will. They are leaven to the human lump. The leaven grows and its effect is seen in many quarters. All that you can do to spread understanding of this among thinking people, will bear its own fruit.

This of which I have been speaking is of the essence of importance to human kind. There is nothing more important than to have this house of the human set up for endurance through the next epoch; so that minds and hearts of men may grow and expand and come to their best possible development in the climb Godward, leave the low levels on which much of the human race has been living and come closer to the full stature for which God Almighty destined His children.

We here see it so plainly. We watch the uneven, unequal struggle against powers that are strong and aggressive. On the other hand, we see the prayers of the righteous rising like incense, asking for guidance and for wisdom; for vision and courage to do always the Divine will.

This cloud of prayer-incense grows stronger all the while, as men realize little by little that human limitations must be supplemented by Divine almightiness, the smallness of the human concept be enlarged by vision of the entire plan of the eternities for all mankind. Only as we lose our own aims and plans, men and nations, can the good of all be safeguarded and the way of the world's going be girt with peace and joy and satisfaction.

Isn't such a goal worthy of sponsoring? And isn't it worth urging upon others? For this time and these pending solutions, the life of the world has come to this climax of the ages and of all the struggles of nations and men. The world is in the balance. One way or the other, it will begin to sway in the not distant future.

Still relating this talk to the question of adjustments, I wish you could take some things more lightly.

You see the materialistic side of life as meaning much less than formerly. You used to crave earthly success in

larger measure than now. There is nothing wrong in that, other things being equal. But because of your special qualities of soul and mind, you have been elected to this particular work with the Inner Planes which will bring you deepest satisfaction as you go forward with it.

Accept it with abandon, with thanksgiving and joy. Forget that left to yourself you would have chosen some type of earth reward. This is greater. This is enduring. This is of the sort that is given to relatively few who are equipped to handle it. And I assure you it will bring you great joy.

It is not strange that the human heart is lonely and longs for human companionship. But it sometimes seems almost strange to us here where we are empowered to see with clearer vision and with greater sweep of horizon that the human heart does not learn more rapidly where to turn for what does satisfy and does not grow stale.

If I could, I would tear that old word "religion" to tatters and throw it on the discard. It is threadbare and forbidding and misleading. Instead I would substitute the peace and beauty and glory and joy and service of the All-loving Father Who never palls on the heart, never stales on any life, never grows commonplace with any one, never fails to do more than He promised, never stops short of completing whatever He sanctions in undertaking!

Him I would commend in substitute for the hackneyed word which turns many away from manifestations which have not commended themselves. That word has encrusted itself with much that is extraneous and irrelevant. Forget the word. It is merely a symbol. Accept the kernel of it, the rich heart of the Father, the essence of love and life and of all things good and pure and true.

I must draw this talk to a close now. Read it thoroughly. Let its meaning sink into your heart. Share it with others. The way will open before you, never fear, when you can use it to the advantage of many. My blessing be upon you now as you rest during the night. And the rich, sweet blessing of the Father be upon you!

October 19

My theme tonight is a great one in which earth people are always interested but of which they have not been safely informed. Conditions of electrical vibration are not good just now. But the way will clear and the message come through,

with your patient waiting. I have been very busy on the other side of the world where there is great need among the many thousands who are coming simultaneously to our side of life. The courage some of these men exemplify, far from their homes or loved ones, in climatic surroundings which are very trying, their bodies broken in such crucial ways, yet often their minds fairly alert, is very wonderful.

Just recently I have stood beside some of these whose breath was coming more and more slowly, whose physical eyes were failing of earth vision and as I have stood there, offering such ministry of comfort as was possible, I have heard each in his own way hum some dear familiar tune of God and His love. It is wonderful that in the hour of crisis, the spirit always soars to God! And always it finds just what it needs in the All-Father.

You remember how I was thrilled while I was among you of earth, at the passing of one whom I loved dearly, when I knew that hymns of God and love and grace were on his lips all the night before he passed over to these Realms of light and life. It was the same with these incidents of which I am now telling you. Nothing heals the soul in its crisis hours like the consciousness of God Who cannot, does not fail.

I have seen one and another of these men mortally wounded and moving out across the River of Life, reach up a hand or two hands, if there were two, and whisper, "God, go with me!" And such light has shone on the begrimed features as could come only from the Holy One of Israel. It is glorious service to minister to these in the varied ways at our command.

When they can talk, there is always some message of love and remembrance and courage they ask us to take back to their beloveds in the home lands, some word on which those who are left can live and find relief in their own spirits. The innate unselfishness which is thus manifested, is heartening. In the crucial moment, it is of some one else they think—not of themselves. And always it is of God!

Here we are learning as we minister far and wide, how trifling are the differences which separate the church of earth, those differences which through the centuries have brought strife and bloodshed and discord and discredit to the God of the church. To these men, such differences fall away and they see through to the essences of the love and forgiveness of the Father.

Here on these Ether Planes, there is no schism, no Protes-

tant, no Catholic, no discord. All are one. And the superficialities that keep earth people apart, are wiped out and gone. How gracious it would be if they could be forgotten while the struggle of earth continues!

You will be surprised when I tell you that I have given the last rites on the battle fields to men of the Catholic faith—and I of the Protestant faith when I was on the earth plane! But what matters it? These men were facing their last hours. They wanted the consolation of the spirit made manifest to their hearts. They wanted the consciousness of the close presence of God with them. They craved the rites of their church. I was privileged to be present. My heart warmed to their need. It was to them that I was sent. As I used the words that were familiar to them and prayed for them and offered them the Bread and Water of Life the while their own life-fountains were ebbing, the relaxation of strain, the assurance which revealed itself in their faces, and in the atmosphere surrounding them, were very wonderful.

Over and again I watched them loose their last hold on the physical body and with a quiet sigh of peace and rest, float away to Spirit Realms beyond the carnage of earth.

Later I have met and communed with many of those whom I helped across the River. Their expressions of joy and surprise at the life on this side of the Veil were such as I wish earth people might hear! It would forever put an end to the selfishness of weeping and mourning and lamenting those who have slipped over to this side of life. It would do away forever with the idea of death as a separator. There is no death save only in the functions of the physical body which was intended for limited time use as a carrier for the spirit.

Life itself is endless, without beginning and without ending; one continuous growth and filled with joy of worship and service of the Almighty, Everliving God.

The errors of interpretation of this side of life which have been promulgated through ages of teaching, seem to me a crime to the spirits of mankind. The Ether Planes have been represented under the figure of speech as of golden streets and gates of pearl—all symbolic. But by too many interpreted literally! Of course this is a place where spirits rejoice and thrill paeans of praise to their Maker. But it is also a place where each has his lessons to learn, as I have told you before, and service to render to needy ones in whatsoever portions of earth they may be.

Such activity exists here where we never are tired or discouraged or dismayed or hungry or dissatisfied, as earth minds can scarcely conceive. We go and we come with the swiftness of thought, wherever we are sent by our instructors to do definite types of service. Some of us are best adapted to one type of service, some to another. And as we are most helpful, so we are sent to minister.

There are many things which may not be revealed to you of earth because they would be beyond your comprehension. They were beyond my understanding until I had slipped the weight of the body and come up higher to where the mind and spirit were freed to greater power of knowing and understanding the ways of God.

The longer one is here, the more he studies, the higher he moves in spirit power, the more marvelous it all becomes and the richer the reward for living at one's best on the earth plane. God's goodness and His love are Infinite.

To those who have suffered great agony on earth, the release and the peace and sense of well-being here are too good to seem true. Some times one has been weakened by long physical sickness and is weak at coming hither. But that soon passes and gradually strength comes that is beyond anything the earth mind can think.

It is with the hope that these messages will help, indeed the assurance from my instructors from the seventh plane that they will have large measure of comfort and help, that they are given to you for spreading widely among people of earth who crave to know something of this side of life. So often, because of false teaching, they are afraid to know, lest they be terrified. How blessed it is to take away from their minds all sense of dread and to release them to knowledge that the world beyond the physical is one of goodness and peace and joy and serving!

As good comes to you in increasing measure, I am grateful to see that you lean more and more to sharing it with others, some of whom are as perplexed as you were for long and weary years. Do not ever let your spirit become addicted to grasping and holding. Open your soul and your hands and share with others every good thing you have—your supply and your spirit of hospitality and all such can be used for real good to yourself and to others.

Never does it pay to let the spirit of hoarding gain any hold upon one. You have never been in any slightest danger

there, being inclined sometimes to forget yourself for the sake of the other person. Err on that side rather than on the side of greedy grasping and holding tightly for one's self alone.

The healing power of the Christ of God will permeate your body as you ask for it and accept it, for your strengthening. Do not question whether it will come to you. Know that it does come and that it washes away all weakness and sickness.

Take the healing touch, strength for weakness, as from Him Who is able to do and to be all things to you, whatever your need.

There is nothing the living, loving God cannot or will not do for you, when you ask in faith believing! And now our talk for the evening is over and I leave you for other service. God bless and heal and help you; keep you and guide and love you. Amen!

October 20

So much hinges on all of this being put out in printed form for the comfort of sorrowing hearts and the strengthening of doubtful spirits! Sheltered as you are, you cannot conceive the extent of the agony of the world these cruel days of suffering. Even those who seem in easy and affluent circumstances, are oft times at heart all but desperate for the inward comfort and consolation which these messages can give. Do not doubt, my friend. We here know the extent of the need. We know that these truths herein contained, are the essence of Divine truth that has power to heal the broken heart and comfort the stricken of earth.

Have you not noticed through this series that there is nothing save what is utterly basic? Is that other than carefully designed that every word may perform the mission whereto it is sent? As I have told you earlier, the content of each of these messages has been blue-printed by those with whom I study here on these Celestial Planes and who have joined to help me present all of this through you, to needy ones of earth.

Do not be insensible to the honor and the responsibility hereunto attached! I who knew you so well know that you are very sensitive to all of this. It is because of these factors that you make the excellent channel for this Divine truth.

WHEN THE TRANSITION COMES

I wish to talk with you again tonight about the transition

which earth people call death and which is so close to human hearts these days of unimaginable destruction throughout the world. Many fail to understand—and it is not strange from the human viewpoint which I remember vividly—that when one from the earth plane comes over to this side of life, he is not “lost” to the service of earth.

His talents, be they what they may, are not lost to his generation. His education which may have been of the finest which earth can give, is not lost if all suddenly he is called to enter upon larger and finer service.

The young scientist equipped for what the earth calls great achievements, coming here to these Ether Planes, is not losing that magnificent intellectual equipment which he acquired at such study and cost. If only we here could make earth people understand that such an one, any one, who comes from the bondage of earth to the freedom of the Inner Planes, is promoted in joys of living and serving; in richness of understanding of all things fundamental; in opportunities to help and in possibilities of growth for his own spirit! Can such experiences be called “loss”?

Those who come are not the ones who cry out at loss which arrival at the other side of life entails. It is they who remain on the earth plane and face the necessary adjustment for living without the physical presence which often had been dearly beloved.

But true love has no place for selfishness. And is it not of the quality of selfishness to darken the spirit joy of the one just come to these High Planes by a grief that casts a shadow upon his heart? Is there not a measure of selfishness in wishing to retain the one who has been deemed worthy of greater spheres of service and more marvelous fields in which to develop his special talents? Is it not evidence of truly grand spirit stature to put in the background any sense of personal loneliness and rejoice in the promotion, the recognition, the opportunity, the joy that have been bestowed upon the loved one?

When such temporary separation as physical death comes, it always helps the ones who are left when they can be assured that the released spirit of their beloved often returns to the home which he had enjoyed. It is very truth and consoling truth. It helps assuage the sense of aloneness and gives a feeling of kindred fellowship with these Higher Planes whither their beloved has gone.

Many times on earth one hears a father or mother speak of being conscious of the presence of son or daughter or other dear one recently gone from earth. Then deprecatingly, they add that it probably isn't true but they "had such a strong feeling that son or daughter had been in the dear, familiar room where was the shrine of home."

Certainly it is true. The beloved presence without doubt has returned for a short visit, to bring comfort and consolation and if possible, to assuage the grief that is darkening his spirit radiance.

Please lose no opportunity to assure grieving friends or family that whenever the consciousness of the presence of loved ones from the other world, floods the heart, it is just as it seems and that smiles from them instead of tears, joy instead of lamentations, will add to the satisfaction as much as if they were on earth!

For certainly earth people by this time must know that we who are living and serving from Spirit Planes know and understand what is being experienced in the physical more clearly than when we were in the flesh. Please help us make this understood! To us here the whole plan of the universe, physical and spiritual, is transparent. We no longer see as through a glass darkly. Only residents of earth are restricted in their vision and those so newly come to the Spirit World that they have had no time for growth on these lines.

The clouds of grief that these days sometimes hang low like black fog, are almost fearful showing how much earth people have to learn of the relations that exist between the two worlds—especially that great lesson of the continuity of life.

So long men and women have accepted the separating quality of death with a finality that is entirely wrong. It is defeating in its reactions at both ends of the experience. For death is the merest matter of the physical body which has no more place in the permanent plan of the Creator than scaffolding has to the completed cathedral. It has place and responsibility for a while. Then it is taken away, its work done and the glory of the completed structure revealed.

Much better than many of earth, I understand how difficult some of these lessons are. For I was antagonistic toward the thought of physical death both for myself and for those whom I held dearest. But once having seen and learned how wrong my attitude was while on earth, I never cease striving

to help others see the way of radiance and of correct understanding of this mystery.

For physical death is a mystery to the human. It is fundamentally part of the entire scheme of things, though earth people may not understand the reason for it. In every level of natural life, the entity comes, lives its life and passes on, be it earth worm or bird; root or stalk of corn or anything that crawls. Here. Its work done. Gone! Every flower, every blade of grass. Here. Its work done. Gone! Thus it is part of the plan for the human. He is not designed for permanence on earth. Here just long enough to do his work, he goes to his permanent abode.

There is the most marvelous unity throughout the whole plan of the Creator. No human mind can comprehend even half of it. Ages come and go yet there remain limitless reaches beyond the spirit comprehension of those on the Higher Planes. To wish for the human to remain on the earth plane for more than the human span of life, is to be willing for him to miss the greatness of the sweep of larger life and be shackled longer than he need be to a small scope of living and working and achieving.

It is not intended to have one jot of selfishness in it when the loving heart grieves for the return of the one who has gone. But in final analysis, it resolves itself into what I have said. And it remains for you through these revelations to help change the attitude of as many earth people as the printed word can reach.

When the correct understanding of these things has been accepted, there can be no longer any wish for the dear one to be brought back to earth dimensions, were that possible. It would mean depriving him of those years of celestial joy to which he was entitled and for which he was ready. It is all so divinely arranged when one in calmness sees it in the way of spirit rightness.

Of course much of the desperation which attends physical death comes from fear of what the next world is and whether there is reunion; whether it is a place of blessedness or of torment; whether those there have left to them the earth powers of memory and whether they know the affairs of earth. The mis-teachings of so much earth doctrine are largely responsible for this. Large measure of responsibility attaches to those who interpret the teachings to human minds, instructing in that which they themselves neither know nor understand.

Material considerations enter in largely, to cause resentment at loss by death. The one who is left, wonders how to carry on; how to provide what is necessary for living; how to readjust the whole garment of the home or the business to make it fit the new situation. Often this is at the bottom of the desperate bitterness against physical death.

But you do not need to be told how marvelously even this works out to good where evil was feared; how fruition comes instead of defeat; how the mind and heart expand to meet the larger needs; how the outreach of the spirit is increased by virtue of the shifting of the base of the problem.

How often this is true! New talents are developed; new strength comes in place of weakness; new powers of mind and body grow into the life of the one who had thought the situation hopeless because death had come. It is not so. Death is often a rich fructifier of the soil of the human heart. Does it not sound strange for me to say a thing like that? It is true. I have learned it beyond a shadow of doubt, even as you yourself have learned it through your own experience.

Thus often what seemed utter desolation of hope and prospect and future prosperity, proves to come with healing in its wings, bringing fresh revelations of the goodness of the Father.

And now the evening talk draws to a close. It is blessed satisfaction to know that this much is now safely in your keeping. I give you my blessing, God's blessing also.

October 21

God bless you for being so loyal to this for which you were elected by the Highest. Though you do not quite see why this is your ordained path, you accept it even to the exclusion of earthly things which might give you earthly pleasure. You will have your reward.

Today I wish to talk to you about those who will accept the truths of these messages and those who will reject them. Do you remember that back in those days when your first receiving station was the channel through which my words reached you, I spoke briefly about this? I desire to go a little more deeply into it today.

For the most part people of earth are materialistically minded. They have been so taught by precept and example. Their concepts of the Spirit World have been so far afield that often the teachings have been rejected when at the same time

there was desire for knowledge of the way of life that would satisfy. But they did not know where to turn to find it. So, accepting theoretically what the orthodox church teaches, they observed its teachings on the surface and fundamentally have been dis-satisfied. I was myself, when I was on the earth plane.

Such people, hearing the truth as it is presented by the Inner Planes in these talks, will sense with their inmost hearts that this is the right teaching about death and life and the continuity of existence, about the service the ministering angels render and the other truth which is revealed in these talks.

They will accept it with joy and comfort to their spirits and be grateful for this which satisfies the deep places of their hearts. Each such earth person becomes the nucleus of a center of faith and through that nucleus the power of the word will spread to other hearts until vast numbers will know more of the truth of being than has been known before.

Those who reject the truth herein contained, will do no harm to the truth itself. They cannot. They are themselves the only losers, for they continue, like the Prodigal Son in the parable of our Lord, to live off the husks when the abundance of the Father's house was theirs for the taking.

Some of these will criticise you. They will call these truths by names that will hurt you and your feeling of integrity. They will hold them up as evidences of make-believe from your own mind. What matter? You will know their genuineness. Others will know. Our Lord was mocked, ridiculed and vilified. And is the servant greater than his Lord?

It is in ways like these that seeds of truth are planted. From the planting will come a harvest of increased faith. But here as everywhere, some seed falls on rocky soil and does not bring forth that which was intended. Pay no heed to this. It is the law of nature. And the law works, whether you like it or not. It brings rich and full harvest despite such seed as falls on thin or rocky soil. Be content with the fruits which come forth from that which falls on good soil and know that you are serving the cause of Truth and of God in worthy proportion.

Results are never that with which we are to be concerned. They take care of themselves when each spirit does the work which is allocated to him in loyalty and devotion. The same law holds and is part of the fundamental law of the All-wise Creator.

Know that your business is to prepare the ground, plant the seed, and cultivate the growing awareness of Divine truth

whenever and wherever you find it. Then you can safely let results take care of themselves.

I am saying all this again and at somewhat greater length because it was necessary to fortify your spirit against the day when you may feel a sense of discouragement in this special mission which you have been chosen to perform. You will not be left alone at any time. Always there will be celestial guidance for your help and you will know that all is well. Take whatever comes in this way and be grateful.

The electrical vibrations are not as clear today as sometimes and you may feel a sense of interruption in the coming through of the message. That is temporary and should cause you no distress. They are to such communications as these, what superficialities are to real things in life, either on the earth plane or here on the Ether Planes. They do not distress you now as once they did. Such is the process of growth through experience. Growth always has its price, in the world of natural law or in the realms of the spirit.

The saints of God who come hither through great tribulation, paid the price of their spirit stature beyond what earth could understand or appreciate. That again, is the law in its working. But with the paying of the price, there come great joy and satisfaction in the inmost places of the spirit. The world today pays the price of the growth of temporal and material power, which was so out of balance as to throw the scales of modern civilization completely awry and threaten the existence of world governments for many generations.

Ungodly growth this has been. Like a noxious weed which spreads and grows up with speed, beyond the power of careful conservators of life to prevent. Its roots grow deep and eradicating them is part of the peace program that must come to acceptance.

These roots that coil themselves around the human heart and stifle impulses of love for the Father and for all things sacred and good, will be eradicated only at the price of agony yet to be suffered and at the price of such growth in spiritual power and understanding as now does not seem probable.

That is part of the reason for these messages. They will contribute to the development of spirit growth that will make itself felt in the gardens of men's souls where weeds of materialism and militarism and lust for unholy physical power must be cut down, not to grow again; but completely grubbed

out and utterly destroyed until not even a vestige of them remains to sprout or take root again.

Here on the Inner Planes we watch carefully and see clearly evidences of progress along these lines. There are heartening signs in some places, of the rising power of truth in spiritual understanding. It is, as I said the other evening to you, like leaven. But the whole mass of the human problem is so vast in extent and so deeply entrenched in strength of root that there must be much greater growth in things of the spirit than now exists before this eradicating of evil roots will successfully be done.

Peace on earth cannot come by a treaty. It can come only through understanding the law of the Divine where peace is founded on justice and honor and love and goodness. There is no other way. Nor can there be!

To bring mankind to a concept that the world of the spirit is more real than the world of the physical and that the two are separated by a fine line of demarcation, is a long step toward planting seeds of the peaceable fruits of righteousness in the hearts of the nations of earth. Do you see more clearly than formerly how closely interlocked this entire plan of the universe is?

When men really know and accept that what they sow, they reap; that their earth power stands them in no stead when they make the Great Transition; that they take with them to the Spirit Planes only what they have built within themselves while they were residents of earth and that such lessons as they do not learn on the earth plane, they are yet to learn on the Higher Planes, their hearts will begin to change. They will see more clearly the uselessness of the material beyond bare needs of earth and eternal values of the spiritual power which they have often despised as effeminate.

Let this sink deeply into your consciousness and know that it is absolute truth. At present the prospect for enduring peace and justice for all, is not hopeful. But we see beyond the present. We know factors that are operating. We see growth that is developing, sorrow that must first be endured, disappointments that must be experienced. We see crucifixion of unwieldy pride and greed for power that must take place in many a human heart. We see shifts from the basis of selfish greed that must come and substitution of fairness in the plans of nations, before there is prospect of a just and lasting peace.

Many hearts will come to see the truth of the Divine law as it must operate in the affairs of men and governments before plans for peace programs will be other than ephemeral, something that will pass away as suddenly as it was promulgated.

There is no fooling the Almighty! Mankind takes the reins in its hands and tries to run away with its own will for a while. And like a wise earth father, full leeway is given to the runaway to let him see what is happening and how far he is getting from what he really wants or seeks. Then comes the lesson of following the law that is higher than personal wish or whim, and the necessity of adapting to its requirements, unless one would come to disaster.

The world of nations has faced that lawlessness, that irresponsibility of the runaway now for years; that disregard for any but supreme selfishness and greed for more power than the balance wheel of life permits to any nation or man. Always the pendulum begins to swing back. Mankind has that lesson to learn and to interpret in terms of nations and governments and of his own personal relations to spirit growth.

This talk seems to have centered largely around the ideas of seeds and harvests and soils, all centering in the vital fact that only as the seeds of life and service and peace and rightness are planted in the good ground of God's will and His plan for mankind, will the harvest bring satisfaction to the nation or the human heart. It is a hard lesson to learn. It is Divinely worth its pains. God bless you now as we complete this message for today. You have much to think about and to incorporate into your own heart life.

October 22

No influence of earth except your unwillingness to cooperate, can militate against the wide-spread usefulness of this truth which comes directly from the Spirit Planes. It is ordained for such purpose and to that end it moves irresistibly, as you perform the functions of channel from Ether Planes to earth people. It is not necessary for earth people to know how it is that we who are ministering spirits to the stricken of earth, can sometimes serve as invisibles and other times go in physical presence. That provision is determined by our instructors and matters not the slightest to us. There is no more mystery about that than about many another provision to which we here are accustomed but which is not revealed to minds of earth.

You see the two realms are different in their very fundamentals. Our vibrations here are on a much more rapid rate than yours of earth. Our vision is wider. Our knowledge is larger. You are hampered while you are on earth by the physical. We have shed the weight of the body and are open to much keener perceptions by virtue of that fact. It is something which you will learn when you come to reside in one of the many mansions, speaking in Bible terms. Until that time, it is better for interest along these lines to be curbed. Trust me as I say this and be grateful for the truths which I am at liberty to share with you. Many mysteries must remain mysteries until the human crosses the border into these Regions of light and life eternal.

Many another in years past, has been privileged to impart to earth something of life and duty and God from these Planes. They are all carriers of Divine truth to certain hearts of earth. Quite naturally these follow a certain line of similarity in that they all seek to show something of what life over here is, and more of God's nature and love than earth minds have known.

It has been long since any considerable series of communications has thus come in responsible form and through an accredited source. The field is thus ready and ripe for a truly spiritual presentation of man's relation to God and to his spirit growth. Be not deceived about this. It is man's highest responsibility in any age, to know God and to live the earth life on the basis of God's truth and in harmony with His teachings. Nothing else matters. Nothing else counts in the finality of life. All else is vapor, gone as on a light breeze. The church and the world have distorted much truth about God. They have built up legends about Him and have pictured Him this way and that way. They have feared Him and have gone with no love for Him as the animating motive of their lives. They have wandered away from Him and wondered why they lost their way; why they stumbled and fell; why they found life flat and without savor!

The reason is so plain, so direct and so true. Nothing in all the universe can take the place of God's love and guidance and wisdom and power in the human heart. When He is thus accepted and when His will is guide in even the smallest things of life, the heart expands and life becomes a wonderful adventure of service and growth. When man insists on being his own guide, refuses the motivating love of the Father and

wants his own way, life becomes as salt which has lost its savor. Inevitably so!

Earth people are wanting peace. They will get it on foundation of enduring justice only when it is based on the plain and simple teachings of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father and One with the Father; only when truth and unselfishness and honor and the good of others all shot through with love of the Divine and willingness to follow His wishes, dominate all other desires of those who essay to be earth leaders.

Some of these will soon be removed from the seats of the mighty because selfishness and greed predominate in their plans. Some who appear in relatively humble positions of trust at this time, will rise to leadership for the reason that they place the wisdom of God above earthly wisdom and count themselves worthy of being followers of the Divine Creator. Watch the outworking of this which I tell you, as currents of life and war and government and peace proposals and plans for renewed government authorizations and sanctions occupy the minds of mortals to so large a degree.

Nations are building on the shifting sand that try to build a civilization—and base it on the human! Only God and His will and His way and His guidance can bring about a peace that will credit to the permanent good of the human race, after all the bloodshed which came because men tried to put Him off the throne of power and to guide nations and individuals by earth standards. What followed, was to be expected. And will be again, until the human learns his lessons.

You remember how clearly the Scriptures say, "Except ye become as a little child, ye shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of God." That still prevails. But it does not sit well with many who think they know better and who have no desire for the simplicity of the child mind. They think they can pit their wisdom against any other and come out victor! Think they have grown beyond being as a little child and pride will not humble itself to acknowledge dependence upon God.

There again free-will of which I spoke some time ago, enters in as determining factor. They need not seek God as guide; need not become as a little child; need not seek wisdom higher than that of earth. All of this is theirs to determine. But the law works. And as they sow in mortal error, they reap in tares and grief and destruction and utter crack-up of that which they try to build on foundations which had no enduring qualities.

No power of the universe can prevent the working of that law. He who obeys and follows where the all-wise God leads, reaps joy, and peace and permanence of satisfactions. I hope you will stress this to all to whom you may. It is so fundamental to the good life!

Turn now to another theme on which I desire to talk to you this Sabbath morning. Much of these messages from the Inner Planes is not spectacular nor revealing of some great mystery for the solution of which the human heart longs; not telling of things wholly new to mankind. Much of them pertains to simple teaching and precepts men should follow in living aright. There are many revelations in this series which have never been made to earth minds before and which will touch them with deep interest. Trace them to their sources and you will find that all is founded upon the word and the will of God.

They are the supreme influences of earth. Does the world think it has outgrown these and gone on to higher levels of intellectual power? Let the world-shaking holocaust these recent years attest whether these levels of intellectual power have justified pride of ownership!

Does the world think it is too modern to show concern about the things of religion, to use the word which has discredited itself and which I wish I might throw into the discard? What else has the world to put in the place of God and goodness and love and life eternal? The questions answer themselves!

Great things of earth are simple things, so simple yet so profound that human mind has not nor ever can expound or explain them. One—the love which prompted the Father to send His only Son to earth and to the death of the cross that mankind might better know and love the Son and the Father. The love of God is source of all right human love and is so simple that even a child may share and enjoy it; so profound that the wisest man stands confounded before it in utter inability to understand or to explain. So it is through all of life. Great people are simple people. Only little minds surround themselves with pomp and ceremony and display. In that greatest of all books—the Bible—all of this is vividly set forth. The Bible is not outgrown; not outmoded; not out of its place as guide and guard and compass for the safe living of daily life.

Why do humans forget it and think they grow beyond it? Let that question ask itself of all who read this message from

the Inner Planes. Call it by what name any one wishes, it is the medium through which Infinite will is made available to mankind and Infinite love revealed to any heart.

Such messages as it contains are precious beyond earth words to express. And that one is wise who incorporates it into the fiber of his being; shaping the living of the days by its precepts; filling his heart with the love it offers and forming the judgments of life by the standards it sets up.

Let not mystery irk you! There is so little that earth intelligence really understands or is designed to understand. We know while we are on earth that certain situations bring certain effects or reactions. But why, is another matter. Earth minds acquire a creditable measure of knowledge. Few, except they base it on spirit, gain that wisdom which comes only from the Father.

Do not be fearful of mystery that is associated with what is good and true and related to things of favorable report. Let not the fact that you cannot understand it, hinder you from accepting that which comes from the manifest wisdom of the Highest. Understand what you can of it all and accept the rest on faith! Faith! Without which man is undone. With which man is empowered to reach magnificent heights of spiritual grace in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. God bless you! Soon I will come again for further conference.

WHEN THE DOOR OF THE SPIRIT IS CLOSED

October 25

Your world seems so confused at this time. I speak not alone of nations and governments which are more distraught than America can understand or appreciate. None living in that land of comparative ease and plenty, can imagine what it is for whole nations to be on the verge of starvation—beyond the verge into starvation itself!

Neither can you picture what it means to see those around you by thousands lying dead, unburied, mutilated, desolation inconceivable staring you in the face all the day and the whole of the night. Much of the rest of the world knows just what this means. For the most part, they are heroic about it, wonderfully brave, often numb with ordeals through which they pass.

Things like these make a background for life in many

parts of the world today and it is not strange that the sense of distraughtness permeates the remainder of earth people with disturbed and disquieting symptoms on every hand. It is in the very air of earth. Scarcely any one escapes that atmosphere of disturbance which attends almost every avenue of living today.

You sense it strongly in the busy center where you spend your working hours and into which come so many lines of influence. You wonder why everything is so much more disturbed than it had been. This is the reason and there is no way out of it except through spirit power and by the exercise of prayer.

Very few know what it really is to pray, except to beg God for something and to lose faith when that something does not come. No. Not faith. There was no faith in it; just a vague hope that something good might happen to them because they had asked. That is not faith. And that is not prayer.

Prayer is the losing of one's self in the atmosphere, the love, the power of the presence of the Divine, asking nothing except to feel that Presence near and to know the love and peace which pass knowledge.

Prayer is sweet communion. I have told you that before. I say it again because I want you to let it sink into your heart that prayer is refuge and a strong tower. It is the living fountain from which your parched spirit may drink and be refreshed. It is the dynamo of spirit power where your life battery may be recharged and where strength and energy of which you stand in need, may be gained.

Prayer! It has nothing to do with long and formal petitions heard in public worship and which too often find no outlet beyond the earth ceiling; no relation to the petition which is full of formal phrases and falls short of touching the heart which needs help.

Real prayer, the kind I covet for you, is in quiet, with the door of the spirit closed to the outside world, where the spirit opens itself in joyful surrender to the presence of the Holy One; not speaking; just listening; just waiting for whatever word or spirit of comfort or peace or love the Master has to give to the one who seeks His presence.

From such sweet and restful communion, one returns to the conflict of living with renewed strength and courage, confident that the day is not being lived alone but that the peace and joy of the Comforter are present and suffice for any

time of stress. Without such frequent periods of communion with the Comforter, there is not much possibility of calm or poised living in these or other difficult times.

I urge upon you the habit of such quiet times, when your spirit can turn from things of disquiet and seek refreshment—seek it and find it! This is the only way of growth and poise, of peace and satisfaction. As you look about you, on every side people are dis-satisfied; rather, they are un-satisfied. They wonder why. It is because their own small fountains have run dry and their contact with the perennial fountain of Living Water is not in working order. Thus the flow is interrupted and the human heart is thirsty and parched.

It is serious. We watch it from our Higher Planes and in our worship intercede for you of the earth planes, that you may seek and find refuge in this quiet sanctuary when you and the Spirit God are together, where He imparts strength and wisdom and calmness amid the storm, which are so essentially needed.

Never let yourself be deprived of the opportunity of prayer. Never let the hours go by without stretching the wings of your spirit upward toward the God of love, Who has power for your every need. Never delude yourself into thinking that you are sufficient for a single hour, unto yourself and your needs. You are not! No one is. And there is no earth substitute for the rich consciousness of the closeness of God to your inner life which comes from the prayer of communion. Practice it! Love it! Grow by it! Thank God for it!

Some experiences of which you are learning these days, are sources of wonder to you. And you are perplexed about them. Your only experience with the invisible world has been in the messages which have come through from me on the Ether Planes. To you it has been a satisfying and strengthening experience. Letters from others on the earth plane tell you of their types of spirit communion with their friends and families on the other side.

These are so different that they cause you concern. They should not disturb you at all. For these people—and they are good people—such types of messages may be all right. Voices speak aloud that such kinds of communication do exist between the worlds.

But they have not been ordained for you, neither the other varieties of which your friends tell you. Let these be! They are not in error of themselves. But they would not meet

your need nor would they qualify you to do the work which is expected of you. Not all souls are fed with the same food. Not all spirits need the same type of stimulation and of education.

This sort of message with its food for the spirit is that for the receiving of which you are specially ordained and chosen, that you may carry out your mission upon earth.

Let others have what is theirs. But do not be anxious nor fearful lest in some way you are falling short of your highest privilege. You are not. There is no gift within the power of the Inner Planes to bestow, greater than this one of receiving the Bread and Water of life which in turn you may share with those who hunger and thirst. Thank God for it! There are many ways of manifestation between the two planes. Some are as yours, filled with loftiest spirit substance. Others are adapted for spirits of different caliber. You have no occasion to be anxious or other than grateful that you are a channel through which flows the teaching of the Masters of the Inner Planes, voiced by me whom you knew so well while I was on the earth plane.

There is yet much more to give you before the series will be rounded into the complete whole which the Inner Planes desire. When it is finished, it will be a satisfying presentation of all that was contemplated through these messages, nothing necessary left unsaid. People of earth ask many questions, prompted wholly by curiosity. They will ask you questions related to these talks, which are not explained herein. That matters not. These talks are not a compendium of answers to every question, foolish or otherwise.

They are safe guides for living under the direction of those from the Inner Planes who are devoted to helping mortals who seek. So, do not be concerned when you must say you do not know, if questions are asked of you to which you have no bona fide reply.

There are all kinds of people in your world. You have been sheltered from much that was hard. But you are learning these days as you work through currents that swirl around you every day. Be quiet and composed. Remember that in quietness and confidence shall be your strength. That old word does not pass away nor lost its power. You need to put it away in your heart and turn to it many times a day when difficulties come. Draw upon it for such comfort as you need, even as you draw upon a bank for funds with which to negotiate the affairs of living.

It is always current and never is there absence of enough to meet the demand. This quiet; this confidence in the power and love of the Father, you need. Everybody of earth needs them. I beseech you to use them, nor let the strain begin to tell upon your courage or your esprit de corps.

You will be revitalized with the sense of the all-power, the all-love, the all-grace of God the Father, until it will fill you and thrill you with such confidence in yourself and your work as is beyond any doubt or uncertainty. Look forward to that day and work toward it in the confidence of which I just spoke. This is the way to carry through every hour of life, no matter where it is lived or by whom or when.

For God is not limited! There is nothing which He cannot do for you in any emergency as well as through the working out of every routine problem. Why do not, why can not earth people learn that wonderful lesson and find themselves free of the limiting burdens which are so unnecessary?

We see so much in every quarter of earth here and we long to share with you in the flesh the power which is available for the taking. And now, good night! God's blessing be upon you and give you refreshing sleep, with surcease of anxiety.

THE ESSENCE OF TIMELESSNESS

October 26

Our talk tonight concerns one of the greatest virtues which living on the earth plane calls for and which is not easy to cultivate or to practice. Here in the Spirit World we see and appreciate all that it means to earth residents to abide in kindness and to live and work in the spirit which is characterized by that term.

Sometimes it seems an over-worked term. There are those who think it is effeminate to admit kindness of spirit or motive. The word may be overworked. But the thing itself is neither weak nor effeminate. Certainly it is not overdone in the daily grind of life on earth. Kindness is one of the qualities of mind closely akin to love and tolerance and patience. Could any quality of spirit related to these three be other than a cardinal virtue?

Kindness comes hard oft times, when it would be so much easier, so much more humanly natural to lash out and speak one's mind, regardless of feelings; easier to wound; or even to be indifferent to others.

But kindness does not permit indifference to others' feelings. Always it sees responsibility for doing the strong, constructive, helpful thing, instead of brushing away a situation which is inconvenient and which selfishly does not interest one. The way of kindness is not the easy way. Rather it is the way of self-effacement, of self-forgetfulness and of putting one's self in the place of those who need consideration, and doing whatever is called for to help and comfort and heal and set right.

If qualities such as these are effeminate or weak, outmoded even, then living is turned far from what it once was. These qualities are the essence of strength and self-denial. As such, they are closely related to the Divine both in the forms in which kindness manifests itself and in the ways it takes shape in thought and speech. To speak kindly always in the heat and stress of modern living, or in any age, is test of the degree of Christ-like spirit and of the extent to which one is living and showing forth His qualities.

Kindness is part of Christian discipleship. It was part of our Lord's ministry on earth and entered in no uncertain degree to making Him beloved and believed, trusted and accepted.

Just plain kindness to your fellow human, regardless of color or age or condition, Christ-like kindness! Many a time it has brought smiles to weary faces and courage to hearts that were ready to falter, to fail and yield up the ghost of life. Does this seem to you rather flat and a bit stale after the things which have come in these messages from the Inner Planes, things of rare knowledge about our lives over here? Believe me, this simple quality of which I elect to speak a short while tonight could revolutionize the whole world; make wars to cease; go far toward setting up governments that would endure; advance the degree of civilization and make the world and all of its residents more like the Master of the Universe. Does that seem a slight thing? It is one of the rich elements of the human spirit which is dedicated to growth in the things that abide.

Nothing is small or insignificant or flat that can help some one carry a load and ease it in the carrying. No aspect of mortal life is more closely related to self control where instead of the hasty word or unkind act, kindness steps to the fore and the gracious word is spoken, the helpful act performed.

It is of the essence of timelessness, as all virtues are which are of the spirit. For you remember time is not a factor with

us on any plane of spirit living. We have progressed beyond the arbitrary limits of your earth time and find it hard sometimes to bear in mind the metes and bounds of days and nights; of weeks and years with which your lives are bound about.

To us these time divisions seem crippling and confining. It is so good to be out from under them, free and without the limitations to which these divisions of sidereal time subject you. When you come over to our side of life, you too will sense the perfectly marvelous freedom from all things material and physical and know how worth while it was to discipline yourself on earth to the acceptance of only such things as would advance your spiritual growth, to the end that you find yourself adapted to our life and ready to begin a life of great joy and service and understanding and love and adoration.

This homely quality of kindness in every walk of life reveals itself in the fabric of the spirit and is no inconsiderable factor in developing the spiritual nature to the point of being ready to make the Great Transition from earth to the endlessness of eternity.

METHODS OF COMMUNICATING

And now I am permitted to tell you more than usual of some aspects of our living over here on the Inner Planes. You have never become addicted to idle curiosity about the things of life beyond the Veil. You have refrained from asking questions that were not pertinent to your highest good. All of this reveals a growing spiritual discernment which augurs well for you, as for any one who restrains useless questionings and devotes the energy of mind and spirit to matters of permanent moment.

You have wondered many times at that which others have told you, concerning our modes of communication over here. You heard me say once to Tim that I thanked her for the use of her vocal chords in speaking through her for your help. That of itself tells you that when we lay aside the physical body, old and out-worn or young and scarcely developed, we generally depart from the earth fashion of speaking through the mechanism of the throat and other organs of speech.

Instead we communicate by the power of thought which is far more effective, simpler, and once one is accustomed to it, is very beautiful. Again it is that earth restrictions are laid aside and the way of greater freedom becomes ours.

As I am speaking to you through this series of talks, I am

energizing your mind with the power of my spirit, pouring these messages into your mind through the conscious medium of thought, so that there is no slightest doubt of your accurately receiving that which I send.

I would not be misunderstood or misinterpreted into meaning that we have no powers of vocal speech. We do. Tim has told you that she has heard my audible voice. Often she hears with her physical ears which for years have been attuned to catching voices from these glorious Planes of Spirit Life.

Others of your friends have the experience of hearing from their loved ones on these Planes. They hear, as they assert and as is undoubtedly correct, with their physical ears as ones from our side of life speak words of guidance and comfort and inspiration to them.

But for the most part and as we communicate among ourselves in the busy activities of our learning and serving, it is by the powerful medium of thought transference. It is not given to me at this time to explain the method to you. You do not need to know that. Nor does any one of earth need to know. Therefore we pass over it for the sake of speaking of relative merits of different methods by which earth residents gain the power of receiving the spoken word from our Planes.

Some of you feel that that which is heard by the physical ear is evidence of stronger contact with the Spirit World. Others tell you, as some already have, that the power of thought which flows through your mind and guides your hands as you fashion those thoughts on paper, is more convincing.

I tell you that whichever way the message comes from the Planes of Spirit, once you are convinced of the one who is speaking to you and of the genuineness of the message, is the best way for you. There is no reason for thinking that one way is the only way when we have at our disposal all the powers of the Mighty God.

In this as in everything else we do, we seek to adapt our service and our helpfulness to the highest standards of that which we are getting across to the mortal mind. Now isn't that reasonable? You know you can believe me. And you know that it is I who speak to you. So rest that doubt, which is merely a question within your mind.

With us, so should it be with you in every problem of daily living,—choose the way that is most favorably adapted to the purpose for which it is being done. Lay aside clumsy

ways in any line. If you do not know better ones, ask us! We can and will suggest to any who ask, more approved ways and methods for transacting the work of the world. That is kindly service as much as any other thing which we are privileged to do. But remember that in the spirit, there is no great nor small!

Any work which is honorable and worthy of doing, is worth as much to the heart of the Father as the most spectacular act of leadership which ever received acclaim in the eyes of the public. Again I ask you to remember that whatever is done in honesty of intent and purpose, with the best of one's ability and all of one's powers, is as great in the eyes of the Divine as what is loudly applauded and seen of all men.

This should take away all the sting of feeling that sometimes your work, anyone's work, is out of sight and more or less insignificant or mechanical. It is not. It is part of the discipline to which every earth soul is subjected on its way to these Higher Spheres. So take everything which comes for your doing, put your most loyal and best into it and know that it will receive the blessing of the Father in Heaven.

Our visit for tonight is over. Bless you and may God rest and help and comfort you. Good night!

THE FEATURES OF OUR COUNTENANCES

October 27

Thank you for your loyalty. It is a basic element in all true living—loyalty to the highest one knows in his own heart. If earth people accepted such loyalty in daily life and exemplified it by their living in all ways, large and small, patterns of life on your earth would be made over and glorified in the twinkling of an eye.

Many earth residents who have proved for themselves the authenticity of inter-world communication and whose inner ears frequently receive messages from the Higher Planes, wonder about many things on our side of life. Some of them—many of them—I have discussed with you in this series. One question frequently mentioned is whether we who have left our earth bodies behind us and have come over to the sunny side of life, bear the same features of countenance as when we were robed in our garments of flesh and walked the highways of earth.

Really, it is of small consequence as far as our service and our values to earth people are concerned, how we appear. But I am permitted to tell you for the purposes of this book, that

our spiritual countenances do resemble the features which were known and loved by our dear ones on the earth plane. No other way would be reasonable, would it? For I have told you that friends coming over the Shining River from earth, are so glad to be greeted by those whom they have known and loved on the other side of life!

If we did not look as once we did, how would we be recognized? And how would their hearts rejoice if we looked so different that we were to them as strange creations with whom there were no close bond of love? Of course! It is all as reasonable and as right as everything which the Creator has made. Only when the human meddles and muddles do the lines cross and things go awry.

You will remember that time when Larry came and spoke to Tim there in your earth home, that he spoke about his sister who had been ill so long, had lost flesh but had regained it and was very beautiful over here on these Planes where they see each other often. Would Larry have spoken that way to Tim had it not been true? Would I have told you that I was met by the surgeon whom I loved as my own son if I could not have recognized him when I made the crossing from earth life to spirit life? Could I have recognized him if he did not look as he did the many years when I knew him and loved him tenderly? And yet there is a difference! Every one through all the ages who lives the earth life carries the body of the physical as the casing of the soul through the earth years. Live as best one may, even the ascetic, the saint, the one wholly devoted to spiritual phases of life, it yet remains that on earth, it is the earth life that must be lived and earth conditions that must be faced.

The food one eats enters as a factor in the appearance of the body. The climate in which one's habitat is located, contributes certain qualities to the texture of the body. The kind of work one is called upon to do is involved in the general appearance of the physical, both in muscular structure and in facial features.

But when at time of the Crossing, one lays those physical factors aside, their work done, the physical no longer needed as abode of the spirit, do you not see how and why there comes inevitably a marked change in quality of features without changing the form of them or without removing those elements which designated or set apart from all others, the ones who are so dearly beloved?

What I am saying is that on these Ether Planes, the inevitable grossness of the flesh due to the work one does and the life one lives, due to the fact that the body is composed of physical and material substances unrelated to the spiritual qualities of these Higher Planes, disappears. It is sloughed off as rapidly as one develops spiritually and comes into power to live the spirit life exclusively.

Instead of this for which there no longer is any use, there comes the pure radiance of spirit in which there is no grossness whatsoever, changing not form nor features, but purifying all until there is finally no vestige of earth clay remaining to hamper the spirit which has come to this higher level and from which he will grow to always higher levels of knowledge and power.

It is a marvelous provision of Divine wisdom. We marvel at it continuously. For here in these realms there is no failure of perfection in plan or in out-working. All is the glory of the Perfect in which even our appearances share and in which we come by our steady development in graces of the spirit, to participate!

I hope this covers the question with which earth minds have been more or less concerned. Since we are speaking today of these things about which earth people are anxious, let me be a little more specific than I was awhile back when you quoted a question from some one with whom you had talked, wishing to know whether as we go about the earth in the capacity of ministering spirits, we go in recognizable form or as invisibles.

At that time, I dismissed the question as negligible. It is so in fact. But if by a more explicit reply I may be of more help to any one, it is my privilege.

The highest form of life is spiritual. To that death has no relation. It is eternal and immortal. The most important work which we here on these Planes do, is done in the invisible, spirit speaking to spirit, taking comfort and inspiration, guidance and power.

To that form of service there attaches no question. Neither are we subject to difficult conditions of earth living. Not that this is much of a barrier. For it is not. When we do take on the form of the physical for some special piece of work which is needed on the earth plane, it is some other form than that which we carried when we were residents of earth. Do you not see the Infinite wisdom in that? We take it on, we serve,

we accomplish whatever the mission is and we lay aside this bodily form which has enabled us to do the work we were called to do.

Just the technique by which this is done, is not in any wise necessary to disclose. Nor would it be helpful if I did. You and others will be satisfied to know that we are empowered thus to go about our work equipped to do it at the best level. That is sufficient for us. It is fully sufficient for you!

Much in the order of life over here on these Fair Shores is different from earth life. Naturally! The basis is fundamentally different, different as the physical body is from the spiritual body. That basis of difference runs the whole gamut, as you so readily understand. As long as you are of earth, it is unnecessary for you to know, indeed unwise for you to know, details of the differences.

You could not comprehend them, if you were told. I was a stranger to them before I came over and afterward, until I became adjusted and familiar with the new and better ways in which life is ordered on the Spirit Planes.

To crowd life back into the restrictions of the human, if once you glimpsed the radiance of the heavenly, would be all but impossible. So for the most part, except where it is helpful in the struggle of living and overcoming the problems on every hand, you of earth are wiser to live in one world at a time.

And now your hour is late. Perhaps tomorrow will open the door to more things which I would like to say on this general theme. God bless and keep you in His sweet peace and under the comfort of His overshadowing wings of blessing and protection.

October 28

Your day has been broken up beyond any idea you would have thought. But it was for your own good and for the furtherance of your knowledge of things of the spirit world. Remember that you may learn from every one you meet and that no time is lost in which you are open-minded for knowledge, even though you do not see its value at the time. Do not fear! Go forward in the faith and confidence which will bring you to your best and which will further the values of these messages more than now you can know.

It is very wonderful to know how clearly the way is opening for you, though you do not yet know anything of it. Trust it to us of the Inner Planes and go on about your work for the

present. What I said to you so many times when the first messages came to you, I repeat with strong emphasis—that you are to have faith and more faith in the power of the spirit world to meet your every need, both of substance and of bodily strength, as also of direct guidance for the issuance of these messages to the world at large.

And now again, God bless you! Sometime ere long you will hear my familiar voice with your physical ears and see me with your physical eyes! Good night now!

“AS WE FORGIVE”

October 29

When I first began this direct series with you, I said that I was eager for them to grip you with their significance. They have done just that! Therein lies much of their power from the human side.

For herein contained is material abundant for hungry hearts and thirsty spirits, on which they may be nourished.

You are a bit anxious lest when this series is completed from the Inner Planes, I may not again speak to you with help and confidence. Do not fear! The contact has been established and will not be broken unless from your earth end.

It is now your Sabbath. The atmosphere in your home is right for me to speak to you about an important phase of living that must be cultivated against the day when the human will be transmuted into the Divine, the material body sloughed off for the spiritual. It is one of the hard things in life of which I desire to speak—the place which forgiveness holds in the well-developed soul and the power of forgiveness toward the development of the soul.

The model of course, is the prayer which our Lord prayed, “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors!” It has been so simple through the centuries since He walked the earth and taught His disciples that prayer—so simple to repeat. I was about to say, “To repeat glibly.” I am right in that, though it may not sound quite right for such messages as these. But it is truth—glibly!

Tens of millions of earth people pray that prayer, some thoughtfully, reverently; many as thoughtless routine. Some seek to square their lives with it. And their lives shine like burnished gold as they practice that admonishment of our Lord.

I speak today only of that one phase—“Forgive us as we

forgive others!" It is one of the supreme tests of discipleship; one of the hardest lessons for the human to learn in his preparation for the higher world. Yet it is essential. Without it, there is practically no progress in spiritual living.

It is human to say to the teacher, "You say do this. You show us how." Our Lord, teaching those who were to carry His message on through their world, knew that He was to exemplify anything which He taught. And when the time came, in the extreme hour, in the most difficult way, He did show His disciples all down through the centuries, how to forgive even them who were crucifying His body.

"Father, forgive them!", He prayed. He and the Father were one. Even as the Father forgave, did He also forgive. And thus by example which is the most convincing form of teaching, He proved the efficacy of His prayer.

Always there are those in the human who say that it was easy for Him to endure whatever came because of His closeness to His Father. That is not true. He had taken on the form of a man. He hungered and thirsted; was weary and would rest many a time. He grieved when His message was not accepted. He was tempted and did not yield. The agony of the crucifixion was as real to Him as to any other in the human. Yet He prayed, "Father, forgive!" Than which there is no clearer evidence of His own forgiveness of those who were doing Him to death.

There is a phrase which was current while I was on the earth plane, which says, "I'll forgive; but I'll never forget!" He who says or thinks that, knows not the first iota of what it means to forgive; knows nothing of the spiritual discipline involved in forgiving and hence nothing of the progress of the spirit which comes from forgiving.

He who forgives any act of harm, any experience of injustice of whatever kind, has all but forgotten it when the forgiveness is completed. It is wiped from the slate of his heart and is of the past, leaving only such sense of rightness and lightness as must naturally follow a spiritual experience of that supreme sort.

In daily routines, there come infinitude of such occasions when slights, misrepresentations, falsehoods, betrayals and kindred experiences hurt the heart. Two ways are open to the one suffering them. Only two ways. To carry the load of revenge or hate or spite or remembrance of all that has been done and bog one's mind down to the mire of these levels; or

to commit them immediately to the Lord, throw off their load of intended harm, pray for forgiveness to fill your heart, accept it as given the instant it is asked and go free from the load that will swamp anybody who is foolish enough to carry it. To carry it does only one thing—brings bitterness which fouls the spirit and keeps living at low earth levels.

To slough it off, committing it to Him, leaves the spirit free to go unhampered, with a song of thankfulness that it need not be carried and never again be remembered. The corollary of forgiving is always forgetting! Don't forget that ever!

Often from these Inner Planes, we see those who struggle with the problem of forgiveness and how to accomplish it. Not infrequently we offer ways to help bring about that spirit of forgiveness which frees the heart and lifts the load, leaving joy and freedom in place of that which could crush and destroy. It is wonderful to serve that way. How I wish earth people could see the direct relation between that and the joy that transforms when the spirit has been freed.

Joy is such a word with us here on the Ether Planes. Not only such a word. It is such a continuing experience. It does more than earth people can imagine toward forwarding growth in spiritual life. You may find it difficult to believe because there have been many people down where you live, who claim much spiritually and whose lives fail to show forth much joy. Here as upon earth, it is not yours nor ours to pass judgment upon another.

But let me say that on the plane where you live and on the one where we live who have passed the Veil, joy is one of the supreme experiences of those who most closely exemplify the life of pure spirit. How could it be otherwise? For God is good. He is love. He is light. And power. And life unending. He is everything which any one at any time in the endlessness of experience, can desire. And wouldn't that bring joy to any one who asks? On earth, that person is at his best whose heart is filled with joy. Crimes are not committed by such. Harm is never done to another when joy fills the heart. Discouragement could not load its burdens upon any one whose heart rejoices. There can be no long face, no sense of depression or oppression when joy fills the heart.

However hard the task, joy makes it lighter. However stiff the grade, joy is strength to the heart and stimulus to the body. Joy transforms daily living. When one comes up here to these Planes of Spirit Power, it is one of the first

characteristics which he sees. So different from what he has been taught to fear and to dread! Nothing cold or damp or lifeless or forbidding! All joy and light and love and welcome and service and music and busy working at the problems which we are to help earth residents solve; working too, at learning more of Infinite wisdom, and how to use this for the service of those who need.

It is beyond my power to imagine these Spirit Planes without the radiant joy which is on the countenance of every one and which characterizes our every deed and thought.

What joy does for us who have come up through many trials of earth; who know what they mean and what it is to conquer them, joy will do for every earth heart. Why won't you there—I do not limit this to you personally—get this sense of joy and know that it is the finest specific for the solution of any problem that earth affords?

Joy puts physical strength into your body where fear or dread tears down the functions of every organ. Joy so vitalizes your mind that things impossible under the weight of doubt or discouragement, quickly come to correct solutions. And you find there is no problem at all!

Joy sharpens every faculty of mind and body. And it is to be had by any one anywhere. It is a spiritual possession and does not depend upon money in the bank nor any other physical possession.

Drop forever the thought that it is easy for those who have plenty, to know joy. There is nothing to that. It does not work that way. Joy does not come as a result of riches or magnificence of living or of any earthly thing. Joy is wholly of the spirit and comes from closeness to the Divine. It is free; without money and without price; to be had for the asking!

When joy comes to your heart, you can put it to work at once for you, to solve perplexities, open doors to opportunities of service, and to friendships and human relationships which are among the richest experiences of human life. All of this and more than I can express to you, joy does for you.

The entire atmosphere of living is changed when joy takes the place of gloom. It gets you nowhere, physically or spiritually. No one has the right to go about with a long face or a heart from which the sun of joyfulness fails to shed its warmth and comfort.

Does any one ask how it is possible to have this joy in the face of such agony as fills the theater of earth today?

Spiritual qualities born of Infinite goodness are not dependent upon earth conditions, as I have explained to you before. Joy is a spiritual quality and is possible because it is of God Who never fails and never changes. It will bring influences of peace and of reorganization of earth governments more surely, more safely and permanently than its absence. For it is of God! Try it, I beseech you, any who need it! I bless you now with God's love and peace and joy unspeakable.

THE PARADOX IN SACRIFICE

October 30

While we are together this afternoon, I wish to talk to you on another theme without which this series is not complete. It is the spirit of sacrifice of which I would speak. It underlies all of the richest and best in life and runs the entire gamut, from the Gift of the Father, through the patriarchs, the prophets, apostles, saints in every age and place.

It is fundamental in the teachings of our Lord and in His practice. He came never to be ministered unto. But always to minister. The final great sacrifice was death on the cross. He sent His disciples out to face a hostile world. Many came to their death in violent ways, sacrifices to their loyalty to the faith which shone in their hearts.

The major fact is that they placed others first in their lives, reserving no right to take their comfort nor to hold tight to their advantage. They saw only something which they could do or give that would serve another. That was their test. And that is their glory. Not always is the motive spiritual. At least, they are not always conscious that it is. But always the spirit of the desire to do for others is uppermost. By it souls grow, lives develop, hearts grow richer and life is wonderfully satisfying.

The one who sees always self first has none of this uplift, none of the outreach of spirit power that comes with the sacrifice of self. In smaller ways where life is not hazarded but where comfort or one's own desires are at stake, the spirit is the same of being willing to let go of self and to sacrifice comfort or convenience or desire, for others.

Here on our Spirit Plane we see how it works in earth lives. The one who clings to his own way, not willing to give in or give up for the joy of helping others, comes through earth life wondering why joy eludes him, the joy which pos-

sesses those about him who find ways in which their self sacrifice may help.

There seems a paradox in it. But the principle is sound. And it works wherever men try it out. It is a cardinal factor of the great life. It squares with the principles of all that is great and good. The heavier the sacrifice, the greater the reward. That never fails either on your earth plane or in these Higher Realms.

While it seems that one loses who gives up his own advantage for helping some one else, in the last analysis and in the final shocking up of values, as in a pair of scales, the weight of advantage is always on the side of the one who forgot self for the sake of some other who needed help. Never be afraid that you will lose out, speaking freely as far as language is concerned, when you give up your desires, your pleasures, your seeming good, for the sake of another who without you would suffer lack.

The one who does that always gains, not always financially or in the things of earth. Sometimes he does. But always he comes to experience the satisfaction of knowing that from his sacrifice of self, he has reaped a reward far deeper and richer than the other way of self could have brought him.

I commend this to you. It is the way of rightness and of spiritual reward.

There are yet some things about which I wish to talk with you. One is the tendency of people to jump to conclusions and to reach decisions on premises which are not substantial enough to bear weight. Sometimes you jump just this way. Not as often as you did. Many people do. Almost always the issue is unfortunate, the conclusion in error and results are not so good.

The better way, as we here know, and as you of earth know when you pause to think, is to think carefully through such evidence as presents itself, evaluate the situation and reserve judgment! Therein is the difficult part for the earth mind. It is hard to reserve judgment. It is easy to arrive at conclusions that as often as not, are incorrect. It is the way of spirit power to wait with open mind and heart and always to give the situation the benefit of the doubt.

Much heartache would be spared to people of earth if that lesson were learned and lived! In thus gaining control over one's spiritual forces, there comes always that quiet

which is mark of firmness of soul fiber and witness of close contact with the One in Whom is All-power and All-quiet.

Real power is never noisy; never blustery. God-power is always the essence of utter quiet. Mark well that difference and take it into the depths of your consciousness. Live up to its truth in your own life and commend it to others by precept and example. Passing judgment on others and jumping to conclusions about them or something they do are practically the same thing. These are dire enemies of spirit growth. There is no finer standard than that of St. Paul when he said, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." There you and every earth person have the model of perfection. For in the mind of Christ Jesus is nothing save love and peace and joy, with the calmness of utter faith and Infinite power coming through from His Father.

Always remember that the person who makes a big noise in working and doing, is not the person of deep reserves or of solid fiber of character. Know too, that with patience and perseverance these can be cultivated to the great gain of him who needs the lessons.

Power that fritters away in noise, is wastefully harnessed in relation to achievement, whether one thinks of the human or in the realms of mechanics.

The day is coming and is not far removed when you will be more favorably situated for doing this greatest of all work in your life. It will have vast outreach into human hearts, supplanting despair with courage; weakness with strength; half-heartedness with strong determination; dread with calm assurance; fear with joy and the down-pull of life with all which up-raises and motivates with the Highest. I beseech you to look forward to this with the surge of enthusiasm which always characterizes you and gives you much of your power.

Whether you can see your way or walk by faith, just know for a certainty that you are definitely guided by us and that in no wise will you be allowed to stray.

THERE IS GLORY IN THE TRANSITION

Again I wish to revert to the basic theme of these messages and speak tonight of the glory which abides in the transition from physical life to the life of spirit when one is no longer hampered by the material aspects of existence. Of course you cannot understand it. No one can until he experiences it for himself. But you always found that my words to

you while I was among you of earth, were true words. You believe me now that no longer am I with you in physical presence. So I know you do believe me that far from being fearsome, death is a blessing; a boon; a translation from limitation to utter freedom; a promotion from primary knowledge to contact with Infinite wisdom; an opening of the door to such brilliance and beauty of life and love and service and joy as the human heart cannot conceive.

Death, were its name changed to one with happy connotation and without the painful phases of material decay, would not stand in human thought as the arch foe, the destroyer of families, of achievement, of life. It would be known for what it is, the avenue along which one passes from one level of experience to another vastly better, more advanced and lacking all things of suffering and privation, uncertainty and loss; to a life where one may see the end from the beginning and where all is determined by standards of unselfish love; where there is no end to the growth one may make in all things enduring and worth while; where one is enveloped eternally with the glory of God's love in conscious presence and power.

Does this sound fearsome? Something to dread and about which to weep? And to drape one's home with signs of mourning? Smiles all withdrawn? No, oh no! These customs are at complete variance with God's way of light and life and with the truth about the merging of earth life into spirit life. The customs which have grown up around death are barbarous. They are not in harmony with the faith which Christ came to impart.

The home from which one has been counted worthy to be taken to a more beautiful home and a larger life without sickness or tragedy or frustration, is a home where lights should glow softly and beautifully; where there should be sense of peace and confidence that the Valley is not one of shadow but of light; that the passing is a bright one; the River, not a dark river but the River of Life washing the shores of the Shining Strand; where one sees and knows and is welcomed by dear ones who have made the crossing a little ahead and make the new life in the new world a friendly and comfortable beginning. Above all, the atmosphere and love of the Father predominate and fill every heart to overflowing.

Is this occasion for sorrow and mourning? Rather for holy joy. It is human to suffer physical loneliness. No one knows that better than you. But even that can be transmuted

into life that is richer in all things which abide eternally. So not even the aloneness is cause for the garment of sorrow or the spirit of heaviness.

The disposition of the earth body has terrors for many who find it impossible to look beyond to where the spirit finds joyful abode and eternal satisfaction in the life of the Inner Planes. Someday earth people will learn better ways for care of the body after life has left it. Even so, it is wholly a superficial matter. The growth of the soul is all that matters.

With this earnest word to you as seed for the planting of which you are enjoined to be earnest and active, I leave you now for the night. I give you the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, than which no greater boon may be given to any one.

November 2

God bless you tonight as you come from the duties of a busy day to your part in this series of cosmic communications. I wish that every one who reads them would come under the spell of their truths. But such will not be the case. Unanimity of approval never follows any presentation of belief. It never has. As long as the human is as it is, probably it will never accord unanimous sanction to whatever the cause.

In such matters as these, likelihood is less. For the themes, indeed the fundamental possibility of communication between the two spheres of life, is filled with that which the human will debate and many will discard. Many though, will accept and rejoice at the largeness of life which has grown up within them because of the truths herein contained.

It is never easy for the proponent of any cause to witness that which he sets forth, turned aside as untenable or unworthy. Such experiences are especially hard for one of your temperament. But you must steel yourself to knowing that you will face such, in person or through the mail or in round-about ways.

Be not discouraged!

It will help you if you will take the position that you are a sower of eternal seed some of which will fall on barren soil or in rocky places or where earth is unequal to producing harvest of depth or richness.

As a sower you must know that much seed will be scattered where soil is fertile, where rain and dew and soft

winds will help in the springing up and growth toward harvest. Having done your part in scattering where soil has been prepared, you are not responsible for the seed's taking root quickly nor for the harvest yielded.

You will find, if I may pursue the figure of speech a little further, that one of the most fruitful methods of cultivation of this precious seed, is through prayer, that seed and soil may work toward richer soul life on human and spirit levels of living.

Are you content with this explanation? And will you take it in faith knowing that it is not yours to "grow" the seed but only to plant and water it with faith and prayer and assurance that the Powers which gave you these truths will take care against their being lost through unbelief or hostility or even harder—a closed mind?

In all the realm of thought there is nothing more discouraging than to work with a mind that is closed to the reception of truth, the walls of the mind like solid granite and the entrance door locked and barred against the admission of any truth new or different.

Wherever such a situation confronts one, it is useless to try to force the mind or soul against those barred doors of the spirit. Someday the bolts will be drawn and the doors of the mind thrown wide open that truth may enter and do its transforming work. Prayer and faith contribute to the day when the mind will be receptive and the truth which now may be scorned be eagerly sought and assimilated into the fibers of being.

So do not fear lest you are furthering that which will be too largely withstood. Rather know that to a degree of which you do not now dream, earth minds are hungry and eager for what will dispel fear of death and assure themselves of the continuity of conscious existence under conditions of joy in growth and in the atmosphere of God's love and peace and power.

There is nothing which the human, on the whole, dreads more than the inescapable fact of physical death. He sees no way around it. He must face it and experience it. And largely he is possessed with dread at the approach of it because he has had wrong teaching concerning it and because the race thought with relation to it has been totally in error. Thus there are countless people who will reach out, as everywhere they are doing, for a satisfying philosophy of life both here in the spirit realm and on the earth level.

These will read and meditate quietly, carefully, thoughtfully and rejoice as they feel their hearts warming to the clear truth which permeates every word of these cosmic communications. There will come to you from all sides their gratitude, comfort and satisfactions replacing the old, downward-pulling fears of the darkness and dankness of death and a philosophy of existence in the next world which lacked vitality and clear consciousness of Infinite wisdom contained in these messages.

To be a sower is great business, when you are handling fertile seeds of spirit life. Never before has so much pure truth as the Masters of the Inner Planes are entrusting to this handling of this series, been sent forth for the nourishment of human hearts. You will not be left to your own devices in carrying forward this task. You will have the conscious presence and guidance of these through whom, in the form of my voice, all of this has been entrusted to you.

A SWEEPING PICTURE

You have wondered and questioned in your own heart, why there has seemed such tumult in the atmosphere in which you work while there appears no tumult at all; why the tension is much greater than formerly when largely the same set of factors is at work. You wonder whether you imagine it, or whether you are at fault.

You could sometimes dissipate part of this if you took things more lightly. But on the whole, this which depresses you is part of such unrest throughout the physical creation as never has been imagined before. We who go and come on the speedy wings of thought, ministering to all races and kinds, see and face it everywhere to a degree unprecedented.

It is part of the upheaval which is destined to precede and to usher in an entire new epoch of civilization with changes so vast as now no leaders in any government are even conceiving. It will mean the readjustment of nations, of races, of education, of religious rites and rituals, of forms of government and economic foundations of government, until comes the day when the madness which has filled the earth for aeons is passed away and mankind has reached the place of willingness to pattern his life after the Divine. Therein every man shall have his fair opportunity; no more shall there be exploitation of one man by his more favored brother and the good of life shall be open to every one. And there shall be war no more!

There are those whose sight is limited and whose penetra-

tion is not keen, who think that such basic changes will be in evidence shortly after the peace treaties following this second great war wherein the whole world has suffered and bled.

It is not so. The time for these sweeping changes is not at hand. More must be learned by leaders, more willingness to accept Divine guidance; more consciousness of human limitations which must be supplemented by the All-Power of God. More must be learned by those who are of the rank and file whose lives are as precious to the Creator as any ruler's who ever lived.

A truer balance must be sought than now is likely. There will be much more suffering by nations and peoples with farther-reaching purification of hearts and policies. The great era will not come to earth manifestation until earth people are ready and willing to accept the revised bases of justice for favoritism; of love for hate; of righteousness and the goodness of God in place of man's seeking for individual riches; not until the welfare of all is the goal of each man and to it each strives. Then will this era of progress and prosperity in things that are real and enduring, come to fruition.

Mankind has large part to play in bringing all this about. For his defaulting has bathed the world in blood and sated life with crime too dark and loathsome to mention. Mankind has brought all this upon the world and upon this age because of the errors of his thinking, and because he has supplanted the will and the way of God by his selfish desires for aggression and riches, for power and yet more power.

Remember always that this debacle which has held earth in its grip now for years, is in no wise because the Almighty is punishing races of men for this or that. It is none of God's doing. Man has brought it upon himself and will again unless he right-about-faces, re-gears his ambitions, renews his vision of goals toward which it is worthwhile to strive; unless he realizes afresh that he is responsible for his brother as always since the day of Cain and Abel. There is no shifting that responsibility! It is a long road yet to travel before hearts of mankind are turned round about to these goals of truth and unselfish living.

Gradual changes for the better as preludes to this coming epoch will reveal themselves and their power for good, finding acceptance in the lives of men and thus lay foundations that shall endure for all coming ages.

We wanted you to have this sweeping picture that touches

more or less the whole field, for the vision it affords, the comfort it gives and the inspiration it will mean to you. When you share it with others, you will sense the eagerness with which many will accept and be ready for their part in preliminaries.

It has been wonderful talking to you tonight. Peace be with you and joy crown your life!

November 4

It is difficult to get this message through tonight in the face of conditions. The thing that so deeply concerns you about accomplishing this world task, need not concern you. The time is not yet ripe. Do you not remember that last night you consciously saw a door open suddenly before your inner eyes and a voice said—not my voice—"This is your open door!"?

The thing that disconcerts you is that the door was not a lighted door. It was dark. But there is nothing sinister in that. It means merely that the time is not at hand for the light to shine and your way be made clear. It is coming. There will be abundant light on your path. And there will be strength sufficient for every need. I beseech you to have faith!

FRUSTRATION OR FULFILLMENT

November 5

Conditions have righted themselves and it is privilege to talk to you about some things humans need to know for their lives on earth and to be at their best when they reach the Planes where spirit alone abounds and earth cares are left behind. First, I want to say something about what earth people think of as frustration. By it they mean that plans which they hold dear, which they especially desire to see fulfilled in their lives, never come to fruition but always are denied culmination. This underlies much worldly unhappiness and sometimes resentment at life. It eventuates in definite feeling that there is no use trying; that what is granted to others is denied the one especially concerned with this matter of frustration.

Often a feeling of inferiority develops on the part of that person when no inferiority is involved, when actually the lesser is denied for the sake of opening the door to greater good. It is hard to get that across to the one whose wishes and ambitions are closely tied into the refusal of things to work out as it seems they should, humanly speaking.

Multiplied thousands of human lives have all but been wrecked on the rocks of this matter of frustration of what seem like desirable goals and ambitions attained by others no more worthy, no more capable, no more loyal to the highest. Sometimes it is related to selfish desire to shine instead of unselfish desire to serve. Not always. Often—and these are the instances where the hurt to the heart is the hardest to bear—it is because there is guidance from the spirit side of life where it is clearly seen that the individual's finest values and highest service will work out for ultimate satisfaction and better world values, if his plans and desires are diverted into other channels.

You do not wish to take this paragraph. You say it is too personal. Yes, it is personal. For that reason I am over-ruling your wishes and asking you insistently to record just what comes from me over the ether waves which do not fail nor falter in carrying the truth.

Always you have wished for earth success. That is not strange. You have had much of it in the work which we did together over a span of years. But your ambitions leaped to other fields in which you craved success which has been denied you. There are reasons why! Please go on with this which is hard for you but which needs saying, for thousands whose experiences are similar to yours.

You definitely wished to succeed in the fiction field, primarily to show that you could do what others whom you admire do with pre-eminent success. Fiction is not your field. And you have definitely been prevented from entering it. Other highly remunerative fields have tempted you. I say this in no spirit of criticism. But you have been inhibited. So have others who have not understood why any more happily than you.

Those who have succeeded in the lists in which you have not been permitted to tilt, have in some cases quite looked down upon—without saying so in words—work of other sorts which you have done which brings its mede of appreciation but not that accolade of applause which your soul craved.

That hurts you and all these others of whom I think as I dictate this message to you. It is hard to take, no matter in what field the ambition lies or what the motive is that goads one on to goals that are denied. Sometimes all of you think that life is geared against you. And you say that frustration is your lot. For the most part you feel that it is unfairly so! Do I not speak truly? I thank you for being honest enough

and loyal enough to take this exactly as I give it, for the service it will render to others on the earth plane who suffer much of what you have experienced—and yet do.

There is nothing wrong with fiction, speaking now of you as an illustration, when the fiction is decent and clean, done with worthy technique and laudable presentations of life's problems.

Generally it is profitable in monetary ways which of itself and fundamentally, makes it attractive to many. It calls for qualifications of imagination, interpretation, analysis and synthesis of character and life and thus is highly attractive to the many who are endowed with ability for it.

Do you see toward the close of that sentence above how I have touched the crux of what I am getting at? "The many who are endowed, etc." Don't you see how that explains why you in particular and others in their fields, have been inhibited from the field in which are so many others, and held free for other and greater work in which there are not "many who are endowed for such service"?

Through long years you have been under training which you did not recognize and did not enjoy, training which has tried your very soul and tested every fiber of your being. It has been a hard road to follow along which some encouragements have met you. All of them you have appreciated. But they have not satisfied you.

You remember in the first of these messages which you resisted beginning because you thought it could not be that you were equipped for receiving anything so stupendous from the Inner Planes, how I made clear that this was not what you wanted; but that it was what the Inner Planes had decreed for you? Do you not remember? I repeat it today and I beg of you to leave now and for all time behind you, any desire for lesser rewards of popular applause, to others.

And just thank God, Almighty God, for the privilege denied to most of being a channel through which words of everlasting truth have been flowing now for almost two months of your earth reckoning.

The day will come at no distant time when you will see that you have not been frustrated but promoted; held for the thing so much better, rather than being let go free for the smaller rewards of life!

What I say to you, I say to all who have suffered similar experiences and have classed them under the generic term of "frustration." Wherever and whenever you can help others

to better acceptance of the truth which I have imparted this morning, you will be doing something substantial.

I have now covered in full sufficiency this important and difficult matter without which I should have left this series incomplete. Do you not see that anything which touches the main springs of life for the human, is by that much an integral part of eternal interest? The reason is that the human and the spiritual are so closely inter-related that there is no line fine enough to separate them. Life on the earth plane is not segregated from life on the Spirit Plane. The two are closer than breathing and those who understand and accept this significant fact, are wise. It changes the face of all living and helps to obliterate all sense of this frustration of which I have been speaking this Sabbath morning, by your earth reckoning.

I wish now to speak briefly of another phase of life of which I have talked to you before, but which we here think needs emphasizing. It is the consciousness every hour of the day, that we of the other side of life are serving as ministering angels to you all of earth.

Some few there be who understand that and live in the glow of these presences; who know that a prayer breathed, in a second brings spirits from the Inner Planes to help and guide and comfort in whatever the emergency may be. They know that no problem can come to any one of earth for which there is not a spiritual solution and that help is available to any one in return for a breathed request for help and courage and wisdom and strength. Those who do know this in daily experience and who live in the atmosphere of the knowledge find themselves lifted above bitterness of physical disappointments, of material matters, and living more really in the atmosphere of the spiritual. Some glad day they will experience it in constant participation, even as we do who have left the grievous weight of the body and glory in the lightness and freedom of the Spirit World.

There are some, perhaps many, who shudder at the thought of spirit presences surrounding them as they live their earth lives. They speak of this as "ghostly," as something which they do not appreciate. This is a misinterpretation of the wisdom and love of the Father Who planned the minutest detail of existence to be helpful to every human who understands and accepts the provisions which have been made for his help.

If only earth people would abandon use of the word

"death" and substitute some other which has no unhappy connotations and associations, it would go far toward easing this other situation.

And now my time is up. The conference with you has been grand. I thank you and I bless you, assuring you that God's Infinite blessing rests upon this service which you are to render. Let joy reign within you. And be content!

LOVE'S MAJOR MESSAGE

November 6

I thank you for coming so willingly and promptly to this joint responsibility between you and us on the Inner Planes. Many matters yet remain to be presented before this series of talks may be considered at a close.

If I were to condense into one word the predominant characteristic of life over here, to name the quality which more than any other colors our life and service, I would without hesitation say, "Love." It motivates everything we do and think. It flows from the fountain of Infinite love in the heart of the Father, which from the beginning of the world has been the mightiest influence the human knows. Love makes the difference between darkness and light in the human heart; between conflict and peace; between strife and quietness of heart; between envy and malice and the purity which knows not these negative qualities that wither and sear the spirit.

Love makes the heart sing. It fills the spirit with joy and peace and the desire to serve wherever need exists. Love has no partnership with sordidness nor evil thinking. It is never allied with jealousy nor false witness. It is the essence of purity and goodness and holds within itself all which is most like God.

Only as the human spirit is filled with love of beauty and purity and fair play and justice to all men; only as the earth person is willing to sacrifice himself that good may come to others without thought of reward for himself; only as he sees life and living through the softening gleam of spiritual love, interpreting the affairs of the world through the medium of unselfish love, can he come to his best possible self. As one of your writers long ago said, "Love is the greatest thing in the world."

As always, that which is valuable costs proportionate price. Love does. Always. It is not easy to follow these mandates and sacrifice one's self for the good of others, nor to

appraise conditions of life through the fairmindedness which characterizes pure love. Love is a rigid task matter, the while it pays richest gains the soul could seek.

Love fills the beautiful atmosphere in which we dwell on these Planes. It is impossible to put into earth words what it is like. As I could not have understood it nor accepted it while I was on the earth plane, no more could you or any other one amid the conditions of earth. So there is nothing but futility in trying to reveal to you what it really is from the viewpoint of spirit.

But I must discuss it tonight in its relation to that which was said centuries ago by the Master: "Love one another." There you have the crux of much that enters in to lifting life to higher levels, or dragging it down if the mandate is refused.

This is one of the severest tests of the degree of God-love in the heart, as it is one of the avenues through which the richest of life flows into living. Easy enough always to love those who are congenial with our tastes and whose vibrations harmonize with ours. For that we deserve no credit. But the Master did not distinguish. He told us that we were to "love one another."

The one who rasps, whose tastes are uncongenial, whose personality is distasteful—"Love one another!" That is severe test. It would seem unnecessary to make plain that this love of the command of the Master, is not the impassioned love which those know whose beings merge into one. Not that. It is the love which thinketh no evil, which never bears false witness, does not harshly judge, nor misinterpret nor criticize. It is the love which in the highest sense is the personification of the Golden Rule and which, if once really tried with the problems of your world, would bring solutions before mankind would think it possible.

Nations could not go to war if men "loved one another." There would be nothing to war about. Litigations, misunderstandings between groups or individuals could not last, if those represented in them "loved one another!" Harsh, personal feuds of which the world knows far too many, would pass away as with a breath, if earth people "loved one another."

As between members of earth families where often there is lack of understanding and of unity of spirit, this standard of loving one another in the full and complete sense in which He meant it, would sweeten home life as nothing else could.

It is not a matter of luxuries nor of lavishness which

makes home what it should be or keeps it far from the ideal. It is this loving one another which works to its own beautiful goal. Failure to follow the Divine mandate results in strife and discord and standards below those which Jesus Christ intended as models for the families of earth.

It is worth thinking about. For everybody associates with others on the earth plane. Of great importance is the way in which spirit influences spirit, whether for joy and peace or rubbing one another the wrong way; of barely enduring the presence of the other and figuratively gritting the teeth in effort to put up with what might be a pleasant relation if they "loved one another!"

Therein lies the difference, human to human, group to group, community to community, nation to nation, until the whole world is included; the difference between life in the spirit of love which the Divine intended or without it in constant irritation.

When that irritation is big enough to involve nations, what results we call war. When it is between men, it is a quarrel or a misunderstanding. The principle is the same. The general result is the same. Either love is given its opportunity to sweeten and brighten life; or it is denied. According to which, the result works out favorably or with tragedy to the human heart. So with nations. So with the world at large.

We are told that "Love vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up." If daily living of men and women on the earth sphere patterned itself by these words, how quickly much of the disharmony would disappear! How easily the wheels would begin to move!

There is no solvent that equals love in every affair of life, from the least to the greatest. It is the sure preventive of war, of aggression, of injustice to man, of that which breeds discord and unhappiness between families and between nations.

Here on these Higher Planes from which these messages are sent to you, we see so clearly the wonder-working power of love in the heart. And we marvel at the slowness of mankind to realize that the solution to his hard problems, is within himself; just there in his own heart. There or nowhere. In his heart attitude to others lies the solution of what pulls him down or lifts him God-ward. Only when men see this and practice it with all their hearts, will living satisfy and life be a glad song, instead of bitterness of strife and unhappiness of discord.

This message has universal bearing. No one living on

earth since the creation of the universe but has faced this truth and either proved its rare fruits of blessedness or failed to prove its sweetness and automatically tasted the bitterness of the reverse side of the truth.

That is the law. It works one way or the other according to the one who is willing to prove the power of love in the business of living or to discard it without trial, to suffer the consequences through permitting the law to work in reverse; against him instead of for him.

Love is not weak. Not effeminate. Not evidence of undevelopment. It is the strongest, mightiest, most courageous influence of the heart. There is nothing which love will not undertake; nothing it will not suffer; nor endure. Nothing which it cannot accomplish. Love is of the very heart of God. Within it are all qualities of greatness and goodness, long suffering and peace and joy and things of good report.

And so I say to you tonight and to all through you, "Love one another!"

When love comes into the heart, fear, arch-foe of happiness and power, goes out. The two do not live together. They have no affinity with each other. Man may choose in this as in everything whether he will live under the bondage of fear or with the flying banners which love holds over him and beneath which he rests at peace. It is a wonderful choice to make. Momentous choice. And open to every human.

In these messages, I have not talked of fear. It is a negative quality, composed of darkness and doubt and suspicion and lack of the faith without which it is impossible to live on one's best levels.

Fear does nothing but destroy. Tear down. Defeat. Deplete. In bodily health or business success or in ambitions of other sorts. Fear is most to be feared. We see its ravages on earth from our spirit vantage point, more clearly than any one of earth could see. Never does it do one thing that is positive or constructive. Fear is not compounded of elements that achieve but of them which bring loss and destruction to any one who keeps company with it.

In your Scriptures, I beg of you to read how many admonitions there are that you "Fear not!" They did not just happen. They are there because from the earliest experiences of man on the earth sphere, his most dreaded enemy was fear that invaded his heart, turned his courage into water and his power into weakness.

In whatever realm of life, oust fear as assiduously as you cultivate love. Refuse to hear its words of defeat, or its dictates of dismay. It never does anything for you that is good. Thank you for this message tonight. God's blessing be upon you; my blessing too. Good night!

MISSIONS TO EARTH

November 7

We are coming through tonight with help which you and others need, who find yourselves storm centers suddenly and unexpectedly because of the crassness of others. That sort of situation is something which life experiences every once in a while, part of the discipline of the human, trying and faith-testing as it is.

So it will be well if I review the scope of what I have outlined with relation to spirit service throughout the world, wherever any one specially needs in ways that we of the Higher Planes can meet.

I have told you how sometimes we are in physical form though naturally not with the same stature nor countenance which we used while on the earth plane. You see clearly why that change is made, do you not?

I am not at liberty to discuss with you how the choice is made nor what body is chosen for any of us for a certain mission on earth. That matters not to you. It is for us to determine according to the judgment of the ages which prevails here and in which there is no lapsing because of error.

It was surprising to me when I first came hither, to see ways in which these matters are adjusted without friction or allowing for errancy—because there is no errancy! It is all just as it should be for gaining the right results in human adjustment and satisfaction.

I count myself most favored to go on more of these missions as I become adapted to them and have larger knowledge in handling the delicate situations which exist. Nothing I ever did while I was resident on earth, equalled the satisfaction which being of this varied service to earth people in distress, brings me.

We who minister thus in the physical are looked upon as earth media, sometimes wearing the familiar countenances of those whom they have known. Always the door to the confidence of the one at interest has been opened and we enter on

a basis of understanding. There is never a feeling of strangeness nor tautness. Somehow the consciousness of the spirit presence makes itself felt in such manifest ways that the service needed can be rendered with ease and dispatch. There is never any thought on the part of the earth person that a visitor from the Inner Planes has come to help! If that were so, our power to help would be gone.

When, as is often the case, we go in spirit form only, the technique is different and we render our service through the consciousness upon which our impact is made without physical presence. It is strange to see the wonder-working power which we are allowed, when an earth person's whole attitude of mind and soul under certain conditions is completely changed, almost in a twinkling, under the influence of that presence and power which we are able to impart.

We can supplant their discouragement with confidence; their gloom with good cheer; their ignorance of how to proceed with a clearly outlined method which came from they do not know where; with calmness of mind in place of great disturbance of spirit. Isn't that worth doing?

And of course you know what reward there is for our spirits when we feel that we have helped another over the hard stretch of life's road. Many difficult stretches there be on that road, as I attested myself many a time. I know how sorely the human needs the sort of lift which I understand often came to me when I was unknowing of the source and did not comprehend while I was of earth. I only knew that help had come and that the problem was solved beyond my expectation.

Always help from Inner Planes is beyond earth expectation. Nothing from here is done half-way. That is one wonderful satisfaction—the eternal perfection of the life, the peace and joy and service on these Planes! How I wish I might share them with you of earth! The day will come when you do share them, you and the many who now are meeting and solving your perplexities as they rise. The complete fulfillment which you will experience when you come hither, will consciously atone for all the hardness of earth and its dispensations.

You ask how we know where we are to go and what we are to do to help some earth person. The call comes from spirit to spirit, on the wings of thought, as quickly as thought can fly from the heart of need to the heart of help! The cry is breathed by some one in trouble. And we hear. Some one among us here, is assigned to help meet that heart's need. And

we are instructed by some one far wiser in the Divine economy, just what our method is to be and how we are to help.

Then we are off, unhindered by any material limitation. It is marvelous service, reward for all the faithfulness which we sought to maintain while we were on the earth plane.

Understand this! God never does anything half-way. He does for every one who will let Him far more abundantly than is dreamed. I found Him that way while I was of earth. I find Him more that way now than I then conceived. His power, His might, His love, His wisdom transcend all understanding.

This being true, as you know it is true, you wonder and oftentimes grieve because that which you think you need and can use to advantage and for which you ask in what you think is faith, does not come to you. I have heard you grieve to this end while I was of earth. You wonder what is wrong with your asking or your faith as back bone of it all.

At times you, as most people, have felt that it was no use to try to prove God's goodness and His willingness to come to your assistance. And sometimes you have wondered whether, since nothing appeared to come of your loyal efforts, you would not as well give up and live along as best you could and trust to luck.

This applies to need for physical healings by the power of the Divine, to relief from necessities of many sorts, to the appeal for doors to achievement to be opened, to the whole round of experiences which mankind knows and often suffers as he journeys through earth life.

I speak with deepest appreciation of all that you and many others have suffered in this way of apparent denial of that for which you have asked, which seemed to hold nothing but good for any one and yet which has not been granted to you.

Nevertheless I speak truly when I say that the reason is the same as for the failure of the flower to grow which is daily lifted from the soil to see how the roots are sprouting.

At the back of the desire to look at the roots is lack of faith that the flower can take root and grow without help from the one who did the planting.

In whatsoever realm of the human, the master difficulty is unwillingness or fear to leave the issue with the spirit powers, having once committed it to them and their care. The flower must be up-rooted often to see whether it is growing! What seems like faith is intermingled with questioning, even with doubt, though often it is unconscious doubt, whether the help

which has been promised by the Almighty, will really come through in practical terms of meeting some specific situation.

When the flower is up-rooted, it does not grow. When doubt or questioning is mingled with faith, results are not what the heart hoped for but was not willing to hand over entirely to the Divine for His handling. Only then can results come that are amazing in their satisfactions and completeness. We here wonder why earth people do not learn the secret of spirit success in solving their problems. It is comprehended in that one tiny, gigantic word—faith!

There are many who hold that word old-fashioned. Perhaps so. But the fact is the solution to life's major and minor problems. Faith is the keystone to the arch of achievement both on the earth realm and on the Inner Planes. If you will take that close into your heart and live with it in absolute submission to it, nothing wavering, you will find, as any one will, such marvels taking place in your life as now you little dream while you continue to lift the flower from the soil to see how it comes on. If my illustration seems insignificant, I grant it. But it does illustrate.

Before our talk for the evening is concluded, I want to speak of the values of seeing the bright side of life, of seeing more brightness than gloom, of looking for the sunny side and refusing to think that the dark side is all there is.

I speak this no more to you than to others who are prone to think that night is longer than the sunshine of the days. Sometimes so. But in the cycle of the year, it balances. Sunshine, cheer, gladness, brightness and joy have their full share. When this is not so, is when the human refuses to turn toward the bright side and to see all there is for him on that side of life. Nothing will grow without sunshine.

The human spirit will not grow in an atmosphere minus the shining of the sun. Turn to joy! See the good! Look for what is satisfying! Render thanks for untold blessings! Acknowledge God's kindness and goodness in unnumbered ways!

Seek out experiences for which to rejoice. Cultivate this habit of seeing the bright and shining side of every day and of every order of living. Bless all of it and begin to look for all the good your tomorrow will bring. You and all will find that such an atmosphere within the soul will bring uncounted joys and rewards. You will be amazed. The more you give thanks, the more you will have for which to give thanks. Add this constant looking for the good side to the developing faith

in God's promises for meeting your every need—and you are indeed rich in things of eternal value.

What matter the temporal, the fleeting, the superficial, the frothy? They are bubbles which gleam in the morning sun but are pricked by some thorn and burst into nothingness before your very eyes. I am most grateful for opportunity to talk with you tonight.

Please God may you rest well and open your eyes upon a day of conquest tomorrow. His love and blessing be with you in overflowing measure. I am off now!

November 8

You are remembering that it was two months by your reckoning of earth time, since you were induced to trust your hands at the machine and your mind to me, for the reception of these messages. You did not mean to doubt the possibility of worthy result coming through. But did in reality doubt; seriously. With your earth limitations, you figured that it could not be that you were competent for such service.

You did not wish to undertake it, fearing lest you be mislead. With considerable emphasis it was necessary to require you to take your place at the machine and be willing to resign yourself to cooperation with us. You were hesitant about it from the first. And that is not strange. Indeed it is natural. You had to be convinced.

When you became powerfully conscious of the presence of spirit entities in your earth home and the influence of all this was making itself felt in your inner life; when my message never failed to meet you when you had leisure to offer hands and mind, you became sure of the genuineness of all this. Thenceforth your loyalty to this responsibility and privilege has been all that could be asked. You have left nothing undone.

These past two months have done much for you and for those with whom you have shared what has come through. They will do more, both physically and spiritually, as you come more warmly under the influence of their reality. Just now you must be concentrating on the mechanics of taking this from me. When you are free to concentrate on the lessons pure and simple, the magnificence of what is revealed will work marked change in your life and in the lives of all who come under the influence of these revealings.

And so even as you do, we here thank God for what these two months have begun and the months ahead will carry

through. Do not despair. Nor even question. Surely do not doubt the marvelous outcome of this which was ordained from the Inner Planes and given to me by my instructors from the Seventh Plane, for the help of earth people. It is so much greater than any of the smaller things to which people give themselves, and receive therefrom tumultuous applause, that the two classes of accomplishment are not comparable. Just accept my estimate and judgment on this, as you always were glad to accept my dictum while I was of earth.

Shortly you will receive definite instructions about handling all of this. You will begin to find that relief is opening to you in ways of which even yet you do not think. You need not be concerned. Just go ahead! Remember I said that to you in those words the night when first you were proving that power had been given to you to receive these cosmic communications without the intervention of a third person. I say it again—just go ahead!

Again I say because I wish to repeat it, There is no difficulty, no need, no problem, no loss, no heartache which the Infinite Father cannot take care of, if only the human will ask Him; trust Him; commit it to Him; and committing it, leave it to Him, without fussing or fretting or doubting! It is as simple as that in the telling, not so simple in the handling of the human emotions. They fluctuate. They question. And with that, out goes faith. And the perplexity remains. The problem is unsolved. The need is unmet.

All because quiet, deep-down faith in the promises of the Father was not given a chance to do its perfect work. We wonder why. And yet we know why. Someday mankind will learn more easily than now. And it will be a glad day when faith is taken at face value and really lived!

Another phase of the whole perfect round—facet, you may wish to call it—needs mention and a little brightening up in earth minds. I refer to the power of concentrating the mind upon whatever is the problem at hand, to think through to the logical end and the worthy conclusion. Does this seem a strange theme for even a short portion of this talk? It is an important part of earth development. Mankind is prone to fuzzy thinking—much of mankind is; thinking that does not reckon with all the factors nor see their import nor the inevitable outreach.

Too often, where concentration of God-given powers is needed and available, it is not used. Then men wonder why

they seem futile in their work and why things do not work out as they should.

Here is the reason. Magnificently endowed minds with which the Creator blessed mankind are not used at par. Just played with, used for superficial thinking and not applied to thinking straight through a problem, as far as earth conditions make possible, prostituted to lower ends and lesser results than the Father intended they should achieve. Therein lies much of the frustration of earth about which we were speaking the other evening.

He who learns to apply to the full whatever powers the Infinite endowed him with, will find that he is richer than he dreamed, looking at his life possibilities from the outside. It is all within! What the heart wills, the mind can accomplish. Life then comes through to vast riches of knowledge and wisdom and understanding and power. It is most worthwhile. It is part of that which will prove valuable to you when you come smiling across the narrow stream of life and find yourself on these hospitable shores ready to take up the larger, the harder lessons which the Inner Planes give to every one. Through them, you will grow faster than earth conditions made possible.

So I adjure you to use your powers of mental concentration to the limit and to gear your mind to the highest. It will enjoy being stretched and will grow accordingly. It will serve you at its best only when you have accustomed it to doing its best work. Anything less is unworthy a child of the Infinite.

Never let yourself say or think that any problem is too much for you to solve. And now the message of the evening must close, the while I prepare for service elsewhere, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Blessed service! God's sweetest enduement of peace and power rest upon you! Good night!

November 9

It is a wonderful experience to have such direct communication over so long a period with one whom I knew so long and well on the earth plane and to feel the response of appreciation and cooperation which characterized your service in the time now gone.

THE WHITE LINE

A matter I would like to talk about with you tonight by your earth reckoning, and through you with many others,

may not appear closely related to the heavenly spheres. But you will see that it reaches down into the deep places of living in every human heart.

I refer to what men call "down-right honesty." There are so many shades and degrees of veracity where this bed-rock honesty is involved, that it is difficult to distinguish between them and to follow the sharp line of cleavage between utter honesty on one side and honesty that is a little frayed and fuzzy and not quite clear, on the other side.

In the world of material considerations where men barter and trade for gold and things of the physical, this fine line too often lies far down under accumulated refuse of things earthy. These have been used to cover that line and to keep it comfortably out of sight and out of mind.

But covering it up and refusing to think of it accomplishes nothing, except to deceive the one who does it. And him it does not well deceive. Too often that fine line pops up and demands attention for him who has drawn it to be at ease. Only those who keep that line open and clean and fine, can absolutely forget it, knowing there is not one thing to conceal.

In this so difficult day on the earth plane, when the grandest sort of sacrifice is being made for freedom and ways of living that are worthy of mankind at his best; when there is so much self-seeking and greed for gold and place and power; in this so difficult day when ideals seem almost god-like in their grandeur and beastly in their depravity, it is necessary to keep that fine, clear, white line open and free. It shows safety from all encroachment of that which is not utterly honest and upright in human living and in the record each man is making.

It is a record which he will face when he makes the Great Transition and sees himself as he is without covering of glamour or concealment. For you remember how I have told you that over here every one is revealed for exactly what he is. And he rates at just what he has brought over from the earth world.

Nothing material counts. Or helps. Nothing which he has acquired by concealing that fine line bounding integrity of purpose and plan, does him one particle of good. At the most, money or its equivalent even when acquired in impeccable ways, is dust on these Inner Planes. It has no value whatsoever.

But when mankind has side-stepped the way that is straight and narrow by even so much as a thought or a plan

that appears to harm no one else, by that much must he atone when he reaches these Planes of Absolute Justice.

There are those who in their thought restrict honesty to things of money and fail to see how the fine line runs through the entire pattern of human life. On one side or the other, each takes his stand in questions of intellectual honesty. Either he is honest in his convictions or he juggles with truth and facts and thinks the line is covered by clutterings which will prevent his being known as he is.

It does work that way sometimes for a while. But not to his advantage—ever. Whatever veers one iota from honesty and integrity in money or mind or spirit in any relationship of life, must of necessity appear against him when he stands, as every one does sometime stand on these Spirit Planes, known for just what he is!

It is a sobering thought, an inspiring thought, that every gain one makes in living on the earth plane, will help him when it reveals itself in the purity of strict honesty and integrity, come that day when he has shed the mortal and faces life on the Spirit Planes.

The little trick, the wee-bit peculation, the veering from honesty by the shade of a thought, cost too high a price.

There will be times and places with people of many sorts, when this lesson which I am giving tonight will help you to open their eyes to basic truth and honesty as they are known on these Planes of Unselfish Devotion to all that aspires Godward. Take it this way and use it whenever you have opportunity. There is much in it that will have eternal values for all peoples.

That same white line of probity in every thought and ideal, in every action and desire is the mark which distinguishes the one of God-like character from one whose spirit is caked with the mud and mire of the mortal and about whom is much that speaks of what is low and self-seeking and downward-pulling.

Only on the right side of this line does the spirit flame into the pure white light of likeness to the One Who is all purity and perfection; to Him Who is our Exemplar, Pattern and Guide. So you see this queer topic does have close and vital relation to the human striving through devious ways of earth life, to come to oneness with All-Good.

Like every other lesson set for mankind to learn, it is a hard one. But being a lesson to learn, it is worth learning to the last letter and living in loyalty and devotion.

EXPERIENCING THESE MESSAGES

And now you have wondered many times during the receiving of these messages why the experience which was yours on the first evening when my words came through the ethers to you and you felt the presence of uncounted hosts with you, inspiring and giving you confidence for the great task entrusted to you, has not been repeated. Why haven't you had that thrill again? Why, on the contrary, do you frequently find yourself possessed of desire to fall asleep while the words of eternal truth are coming through, your hands active, your mind refusing to anticipate me? Why?

It has disturbed you and you do not understand the reasons for it. I give you tonight a hint of the reasons. On that first night, you were initiating a great adventure; how great in its outreach and influence you even yet have no idea. You thought yourself alone. You doubted your ability. You must get started aright, your mind and spirit aflame with certainty that the thing given you to do, was acknowledged by those from the Spirit Planes; that they were in hearty accord with it and were assuring you of the sincerity of the plan of which no earth man knew or in which he was to have a part where the receiving of the messages was concerned.

Therefore the spirits of those who long since had passed the Veil and who are associated with me in this Infinitely blessed service, came to you, hovered over you, gave you the blessing of their presence, so that you knew for a certainty that this was your ordained task. Does this explanation satisfy?

Why not again? Why do you grow drowsy? Why do not these ministering spirits come every night? Why can't you hold your mind alert as in the hours of your professional work? The hosts from Ether Planes are devoted to tasks which occupy them continuously, even though they need not to rest nor sleep nor recreate themselves. They come only at rare intervals in such power of actual presence as you experienced that first night. That one experience was all you needed to assure you of the grandeur of your task. Ask no more until the hour is at hand. Then they will come again!

You become drowsy physically because you wisely refuse to permit your conscious mental processes to function, holding your mind open to receive only that which comes on electrical impulses along the ether waves from me. Thus your mind is largely at rest and the power of vibrations is tremendous. It is

over-whelming. It weighs you down. Your head is inclined to drop for these reasons. Physically you bow under the pressure of strong currents of electrical impulses which connect your world and the one from which I speak to you.

In addition, the mind in relaxation, is a better channel for receiving in absolute accuracy, any message emanating from the Inner Planes. And you to whom this technique was new, have been taking this long series at the close of heavy working days, giving yourself to this which the other side of life has given you to do. Do you not have your answer? And is it not complete enough to satisfy your inquiries? It is the truth as far as it is possible to explain from this sphere to your sphere. You will accept it and be gratified about it, I know. All day you have wondered what I would talk to you about this time! And here it is, as natural and as necessary as if it were the opening instead of almost the close of the series!

God bless you! Off now!

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With this power to withstand, to endure, to take the discipline and not repine, and to welcome it as part of the order of growing, there is great hope for the material phases of the world's reorganization and readjustment on better lines than the human has yet known; hope too, for progress in degrees of spiritual power.

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DEEP ROOTS

And now I shall talk to you awhile on other lines of the life that is lived on earth and continued here through the ages. I refer to stability of character. It is like a stalwart tree whose roots go down deep into the soil and which is not up-rooted however severe the gale or fierce the storm. Its roots are protectingly deep. So it stands! The human, likewise, needs his roots of life deeply grounded in things that make for goodness and rightness; things that abide; that are valuable to him when he makes the Great Transition and that he can carry with him; things that prevent his being blown about by every wind and having therefore no fine-grained purpose of character or spirit.

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substance. Every such germ of developing power must grow through the steady processes of nature, following the laws of growth; never jumping into full-grown potentiality without time to ripen and mature.

When it is ripening and showing signs of becoming real power in whatever field, there must be exercise of its muscles, as it were, whether of body or mind. The law holds. It is the order of life. And it is a strenuous order against which the human often cries out in dismay at the rigor. Discipline is hard to take. Men resist it fiercely.

Power never comes easily nor quickly. Like wisdom, it is of slow and tedious growth. But it does come when the human follows the order and the law of growth—and lets it grow. Had you ever thought of that phase of it? That often men will not let their power grow as it would do? Why is this sometimes in the earth realm? Because inherently man is selfish and often unwilling for power of others to surpass his own; unwilling too, to give his own inherent germ of power the careful cultivation and attention required to let it grow. Selfishness enters into both of these conditions. This is a common experience among earth people, selfishness being one of the traits difficult to root out.

As a seed planted in the warm earth of spring or summer season must be watered and nourished with sunshine and dew and given opportunity to come to fruition of blossom or ear or fruit, so must the germ, the spark of the Divine in every man, be given careful, intelligent attention if he is to come to the full-grown size for which he was destined for his earth career and for the endlessness of immortal service.

It is pitiful to us here as we see so many earth residents satisfied to let themselves grovel on low levels of undeveloped possibilities, weak and impotent, all but useless, when they have it within themselves to be worthy children of the Highest, blest with Infinite power to achieve great things on the earth level; later taking this power to these Higher Planes, growing to vaster degrees of life and of service.

I remember from my own mortal experiences how easy it is to follow the path of least resistance; how difficult to hew to the line of steady growing, where one must be disciplined in whatever work he aspires to be his best. No one comes to his most potential without this difficult discipline; this climbing consistently higher; this denial of lesser things that power

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Power calls for all the pains of growth, all the agonies of such discipline as is connected inevitably with growth. But it is worth more than words can commend.

DEEP ROOTS

And now I shall talk to you awhile on other lines of the life that is lived on earth and continued here through the ages. I refer to stability of character. It is like a stalwart tree whose roots go down deep into the soil and which is not up-rooted however severe the gale or fierce the storm. Its roots are protectingly deep. So it stands! The human, likewise, needs his roots of life deeply grounded in things that make for goodness and rightness; things that abide; that are valuable to him when he makes the Great Transition and that he can carry with him; things that prevent his being blown about by every wind and having therefore no fine-grained purpose of character or spirit.

In this transient day on earth when most things are up-turned and there is so little that has proved its power to stand,

stability is a precious quality to possess and to cultivate. It is not a popular quality. For change is more in the order of acclaim by those who insist upon variety. Variety is all right where it concerns superficialities. But in deep and great things with which the human must be concerned, stability of character is worth its weight in gold.

There are those who veer from one interest to another with the passing of the season; who weary of anything which calls for continuing application and effort; unwilling to stay by an agreement when the going is hard and the work taxing; who find always more to allure somewhere else than in their own spheres of work; who prove this lack of stability in their relations to other humans and whose degree of friendship goes no deeper than the surface soil.

Such people lack one of the fundamental qualities of greatness. They will never acquire the greatness which they crave and seek because they are not prepared in spirit to gain or to hold this which they desire.

If they had it, instability of character and purpose would disqualify them for using it in more than temporary degree. Stability is not spectacular. It makes no show. It gains no acclaim. Many there be who think it is more or less stupid and quite old-fashioned. They discard it for the sweets of something new which promises much and fails to cash in on the promises.

Every truly great or worthy person has qualities of stability which make him valuable to his place in the world and which especially put him in prospect of high rank when he comes over to this side of life.

The stable person is to be depended upon, whether it is convenient or against his desire; his word can be counted on; his integrity of service does not require watching; he needs no time clock to measure his faithfulness in service.

He is not changed by passing whims nor altered by notions of an hour. His life gauge is set by eternal standards and he does not veer except as growth leads him higher in achievement and possibility.

To have stability does not mean to be stubborn. Quite the opposite. Stability is always willing to be convinced of better ways and higher standards. Stubbornness does not have a heart of willingness to learn. The two are far apart at opposite poles.

The person who has sent his roots of life deep down into

the rich soil of fidelity and purpose; who lives to be of greatest possible service in life; who evaluates the issues of life and elects to accept such as are good and true, is always learning-hearted, open to seeing avenues of larger truth along which he is grateful to travel; highways of progress which contribute to making better time in reaching his goals. Not so the stubborn man. He is stuck to his own way. Nothing moves him. Nothing convinces him. There is small hope for him.

Often the person who can be counted on to do his task in life superlatively well regardless of whether he is applauded, suffers from feeling that he is taken too much for granted and not appreciated at his true worth. Sadly this is true. It is part of the unbalance of life today and has been for ages. But always it is figured into the reckoning that today is fleeting. Here. Gone. So with man. So with his work. Likewise with those rewards which he wanted but did not gain. They too, are speedily gone.

But the magnificent fiber of character that holds him to doing what is his to do, doing it at his steady best even when the outlook lowers and he sees little to cheer him on, that fiber of character stands him in good stead. It leads him ultimately to the land where his immortal qualities of dependability, high-souled goodness and stability are worth all they have cost him.

Are not these more worth striving for than applause which is as light and passing as a summer breeze? More worth seeking than ephemeral acclaim which is as a moth whose gauzy wings are singed by a too-bright light?

Qualities of stability are the roots which push always deeper down to feed upon richness of nourishment which the Divine has stored up in lavish quantity for those who go in eager search for it; nourishment on which mind and spirit may live and grow. Those roots hold firm and keep life in perfect balance regardless of the allure of superficialities.

They are the ones for whom the difficult tasks of life await and whose contributions to right living are appreciated above par on our scales of eternal values. It pays in such coin as outweighs any paltry pay which earth could give. And now I hasten off on another mission.

THE GARMENT OF FLESH

November 12

It is good for you to give more than the usual time to

speeding up the work of these messages. It is the desire of those who are related to them on the Inner Planes who recognize the need for all possible haste.

The reason for this mention of haste is that we here who sponsor these informal talks on the mighty themes of the ages, know how much they are needed on the earth plane and thus wish to avoid any delay that is unnecessary.

And now I revert to a topic which I have mentioned once or twice but not in as much detail as I desire. It is necessary though, to make clear impact on human consciousness concerning it. Therefore I approach it for further discussion this evening.

Human customs that relate to the disposition of the body after the soul has winged its way higher, are responsible to large degree for the shrinking of the human from physical death and burial. Modern refinements purport to conceal the fearfulness of it. But burial of which I now speak, is at best a condition from which to shrink in thought, as one watches the placing of some loved body in the ground. I will not go into detail about what happens following interment. The order of nature brings ultimately "dust to dust!"

Human efforts to prevent physical disintegration are availing for a longer or shorter time. Ultimately nature has its way and the body becomes dust after a long period of decay. If one elects burial for family or friends, we from these Higher Planes urge that nature be allowed quick right of way, that disintegration be accomplished as speedily as possible.

From my early earth experience, I determined long years before the Great Transition, that my earthly house was to meet its dissolution purely, quickly, completely and wholesomely; fire accomplishing so rapidly and so purely what nature requires long to accomplish. From my vantage point of final experience, I rejoice and am grateful that I elected that method and that thus my spirit was freed from any restraining ties of the earthly habitation in which my soul had lived while I was of earth.

Please let me say that the way I chose is so wholly the way to be desired when one takes all the factors into consideration. In a sense the method is inconsequential. But in another way, there is a subtle holding of the body to the spirit that sometimes prevents its being free for its full flight; sometimes keeps it earth-bound in ways that are not desirable nor helpful.

If the depressing customs and traditions which have hedged in the burial of those who have been promoted, could

only be done away with, and other customs be established that radiated joy and life everlasting, increase of glory and eternal absence of pain, what gain it would be to earth people!

Always there will be that sense of physical loss of the one who has passed from sight. But with increasing knowledge of the possibilities of communication between worlds, that is being diminished and will not be so black a wall of separation as formerly when the separation seemed hopelessly complete.

The body has no slightest value when once the spirit has taken its flight and should be placed where it may revert as soon as possible to the primordial dust from which it came. The quicker, the better! Modern methods which seek to preserve the contours of the body for long years after the Transition accomplish nothing that is good and much that is detrimental. Those who are left find it easier to adjust to the order of life when the disposition of the garment of flesh is promptly and completely accomplished.

That of itself is great gain from practical standpoints. The spirit that has been released from earth bondage finds its adjustment easier when the bonds of the body are loosened as completely and as quickly as may be. These factors are the only two that primarily are worthy consideration. And they are worthy of it.

From this vantage point and in company with these others who speak through me, we hope for the rapid speeding up of earth mortals to appreciate the value of prompt reversion to the original dust of the bodily residue from which the spirit—the only deathless part—has taken its flight.

If this has seemed an uninviting topic for these messages, please let me say that this is instruction to earth mortals on a matter of vital importance to those who have passed the Veil and who know the sufferings which they experienced because they were hampered in their freedom and held back in their adjustment to the new, spiritual way of life by misguided, though loving reverence of the body and unwillingness to permit its return to the elements of which it was made.

The theme is difficult. Feelings that cluster around it are intense. I speak plainly but with tender consideration of those who from time to time are in sorrow. To them and to all I commend the meaning of this talk.

And now your Sabbath is almost gone. I trust you to the sweet peace of God and pray His benedictions to abide with

you, giving you joy and a feeling of closeness to His warm heart. My blessings I give you!

November 13

I have a message for you and for others who often need consolation in spirit, the assurance that all is well though material aspects seem to show otherwise.

You remember that verse from the Holy Scriptures which says, "There shall no evil befall thee." Take that for your help. Lean upon it. Believe it. Live it. And know that slight temporal disruptions are fleeting and of no consequence whatever.

All that matters is what concerns the soul. And your refuge is always under the shadow of the Almighty. He never fails. He never will. All He asks is faith! And He will see you through!

There is another word in Scripture which tells earth people to "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." If mankind really believed that, if people really committed their anxieties and problems to Him and trusted Him to lead them through, life would be made over in the twinkling of an eye.

It is one of the hard things for the human to learn. Somehow he feels that he himself must find and make his own way, and take care of himself. Not strangely he finds himself bogged down often, wondering which way his path leads and how to find it. The other is so simple, so satisfying a way, that even though I remember with clarity my experiences when I was resident on earth, I wonder why the earth person cannot find himself willing to put his trust where it will never be betrayed and to go free of useless and devastating anxieties.

Give of your best, in ways at your command, to help yourself and others practice this command of committing your way, let it pass from your guidance into His hands, then trust, literally trust, and you will be surprised and comforted to see how wonderfully things work out for you.

You remember that the other evening I talked with you about the human habit of pulling the plant up by the roots to see if the roots were growing; then being surprised that they gained no firm place in the soil and did not produce in blossom or fruit or ear. Of course. They can't. No more can one find relief he is entitled to, when his faith is as limited as that. Faith, you know, is the evidence of things not seen. When sight comes in, faith goes out. And there you have a valuable

lesson on negotiating life even when the stream flows among the shallows or through rocky chasms or on level ground. Sometimes in its course through every human life it runs that gamut from level ground to rocky chasms to shallows. Blessed is the one who learns that there is a Guide to pilot him through one as well as through the other; to Whom darkness is as light; One Who never is weary; never slumbers nor sleeps; and in Whom is all wisdom, all goodness, all love, all power.

The life that fails to learn the lesson of faith when clouds lower, is poor in its essence, when it might know the fullness and richness of the Godhead. Earnestly I commend it to you and to all who are willing to adventure to the highlands of faith under the guiding care of the All-Father Who will see you through perplexity or need or heartache.

Sometimes the earth person whose load is heavy wonders why faith does not accomplish what he expected of it and why he does not go free of his load. There is no promise in Scripture nor in life that any one will be spared trouble or discipline of mind or spirit or that his way through earth life will lead constantly amid roses or by quiet streams.

Our Lord's life did not. His was up-hill most of His short life. But never, not even on Calvary, did faith fail Him. Nor was He left to go alone through the Garden nor to the tomb. The lesson is one of the stiff ones that life poses. But it is as rich in rewards as it is difficult to learn. I beseech you to learn it and to live by it to the last degree.

Faith is such a sweet experience when you have grasped its significance and its true value as a working agent in life. It is like trusting a loving parent who would never fail his child. Exactly like it! But in the realm of the spirit, mankind finds it hard to commit his way and to know that he is being guided safely over hard stretches of life.

The hour is late. I commend you and all to the tender mercies of our Lord Who is the Shepherd of us and Who takes unremitting care of His sheep.

That is a beautiful figure of speech and as I leave you for the night, I ask you to repeat the Shepherd Psalm for the quiet and comfort it will give you. Remember too, that "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth give I unto you." Thank you for taking this important message.

BOTH SIDES OF PRIDE

November 14

It is good to begin again the talk with you at your evening hour. I am glad the one of last night, short though it was, went deep into your heart and calmed your spirit, giving courage and buoyancy to your mind. So it is always when faith finds the door open and the way free for entering the heart.

You will find that last night's talk which was most carefully prepared here on the Seventh Plane for just such need as yours, will meet real response in hearts and lives of many who will seek to follow it.

I shall talk tonight of pride. You had not thought of that as a theme, had you? But you see how it relates itself to the whole fabric of spiritual life, don't you? Pride is like many another quality with which man is endowed; it is very good and it is very bad! That statement is in no wise contradictory nor inconsistent! Here from our side of life we see the out-workings of it both ways among people yet of earth. It is their support and their downfall.

Because it is interwoven through the spiritual fabric, let us talk first about the pride that is very good; that will not let a person slump from his best efforts; that will not allow him to reveal himself as less than his best; that keeps his discipline over himself in high gear even when it is uncomfortable and inconvenient; that never forgets that he is deeply ingrained with obligation always to do and be his best.

That kind of pride recognizes that it is cheap to give up and costly to continue the struggle in a high-souled way, that others may see the courage manifest as strong as the heart which manifests it; and seeing, may emulate it in their lives. The pride which is very good, oh, most excellently good, and for which the world pines, knows how essential it is to believe in all that God is and does and means to the human heart. That pride knows full well how God places responsibility upon the heart that trusts Him, to live up to its privileges and to represent Him in all ways.

Yes, this is pride; glorified, it is true. Nevertheless it is pride in spiritual integrity and in manifesting it in every phase of earth work and life. Often it is easier to let go and let down in moral and spiritual standards. But pride in the purity of the soul and in the cleanness of relations to the One Who is all pure, comes to his help. And he does not let down! It is a

type of pride not too often found, yet revealed surprisingly in places and at times when one would not expect to find it. Always it seems to have a breeziness about it as of fresh winds blowing in the open places of the spirit, with room for the sunshine and fresh air of the spirit world that can come in and abide. The world can do with plenty of this type of pride. It partakes of the Divine and no soul was ever too proud for its own good in this kind and degree of spiritual pride.

Quite at opposite poles is the pride that is equivalent to show-off of all things superficial, like veneer that shines, catches the sun and sends gleams of reflection from some bright object. But nothing deeper than the surface. All polish and glitter with no more depth than the surface of polished wood. This is the pride that struts spiritually as well as physically and makes a show of itself on very little. Of itself there is nothing wicked about it. But it is shallow, when life is in need of depths of goodness, depths of conviction and willingness to serve. The shallow amounts to little when much has a right to be given.

I speak particularly of shallowness of spirit which skims only the top, caring not for being willing to delve into riches of mind and soul that, like pure gold, wait to be mined and minted for use.

The pride which is content with shallowness is equivalent to weakness of fiber, weed-like fiber, quickly grown up and with no enduring quality. What life and the world need is the oak fiber which will bend but will not break because it is possessed of strength and abiding sturdiness in root and in branch.

This kind of pride costs heavily to cultivate. But like everything else which costs, it is valuable in soul fiber and spirit firmness. I commend such pride which goes deep into the soil of life, to every person who reads these words from the Inner Planes. It is a quality worth cultivation.

There is another facet to this question of pride—the side which preens itself on being light and shallow, on being the show-off and never the sturdy oak type, that seeks irresponsibility, the dance of light and shadow as on a summer day, seeks only its own light way and craves only to be seen and applauded of men.

Harmless as that may seem, we here from the Higher Planes know how seriously such prideful minds undermine others who often are seeking to find and to follow higher-leading trails of life. They are deflected by these gauzy-winged crea-

tures of only one night, then are done and gone. Much harm is done by them. Their pride is not alone their own down-fall. They are responsible for the down-ward pull of others. Altogether this is a quality of soul experience to be shunned, deceptive and deluding and to those extents, dangerous.

Anything is which leads one lower than his best of mind and spirit. His best, whatever his best is, can be so wondrously beautiful if it is pursued as a spiritual ideal, with the God-idea dominating it. No shallow pride can blind such a one nor lead him astray. He knows the direction he takes. He knows his Guide. And he goes steadily in quest of his goal.

Someday he comes to the end of his earthly quest. He may be still very young—or older. It matters not. But he comes over here to this side of life, finds himself in a congenial atmosphere where adjustment is relatively easy, because his spirit has been geared to the highest; his fibers of being are sturdy and strong and his search is always for that which has true and abiding values.

Here he finds kindred spirits who like him have followed the gleam of pure purposes and have sought to share all they had with those whom they could help. Such a one rejoices in the beauty of this spirit realm—radiance of color, harmony in music, spirits akin and congenial, mentality developed to keener abilities when no longer is it shackled to the physical body, and the enveloping freedom of thought and movement and life in every richest aspect. Under such conditions as the Higher Planes afford, he comes to great loftiness of growth and power.

Do I seem to have digressed from my original thesis of pride? Not if you follow the fundamental thought all the way through, until it is easy to see where God-like pride leads, in using soul powers which are the gift of the Creator for living and working at highest capacity and in purest sublimation of which he is capable.

Earth people often limit that word which I have used tonight as my central theme to the tendency to show off, with nothing much to justify the show; the tendency to want the spot light on any occasion. That is one small side of the whole quality of pride which is as constructive as the earth mind is prone to think of it on the negative side. So if I have opened a new line of thought on a vital matter of development, it is well worth doing.

Turn the word around and see it from its other side, then

see how much you can cultivate this highly practical and valuable quality for your spiritual good. To say you are proud is as splendid as the type of thing that makes you proud. Do you see?

As in everything else, the standard which you adopt and by which you measure your ideals, determines the levels of that which you are acquiring. This thesis will hold good in whatever line of endeavor you test it.

This kind of study is stimulating because it starts the mind off on many a quest in directions that are different from routine paths into which the mind often falls and follows along, losing the thrill of blazing new trails and unearthing new riches of conquest often in the most unexpected places.

And now again, our hour is done. It is a message which was needed to round out the whole and I give it to you with gratitude. May the rich blessing of God the Father rest upon and abide with you. Good night now!

THE DIRECTION OF YOUR EYES

November 15

I have a message tonight which is destined to fill a need of hearts that cry for help and comfort. Under the mask which many people wear are forlorn hearts seeking more or less blindly for that which will satisfy. We here who have completed the human span know that nothing can heal and fulfill and satisfy except that which is of the spirit. All of that comes from these Inner Planes.

The difference between down-trodden, gloomy earth people and those whose faces radiate joy and confidence and power in living, is the direction of the eyes. It is not related to the loads they bear nor the problems they face, the perplexities they must handle nor the weaknesses they must overcome. None of that enters into the difference that separates the two classes of people.

Some who are gloomy and unhappy, cynical and bitter, have the most earthly substance, with everything the world calls good. Their money, their houses and lands or stocks or bonds or goods heaped up in the vaults of earth, have no power to erase lines of discontent from their faces, nor bitterness nor woe from their hearts. They find no brightness in the living of the days; no anticipation of good at each morn-

ing's dawn; no outbreak of sheer gratitude as evening wraps its mantle of peace and rest over the world.

There are others whose substance is limited sometimes to the vanishing point; whose work is heavy and earth conditions difficult in the extreme; whose faces glow with joy that is genuine and whose hearts radiate peace that others sense but cannot understand; whose spirits are unruffled under whatever stress; whose power to meet and conquer life is clearly from an unseen source.

What makes the difference? Just what I said a moment ago—the direction of the eyes! One class looks down at the mire and muck; sees only the dirt around their feet; only what is material and physical; only earthly aspects and clouds that hang low over their segments of earth life. Their eyes are so turned that they couldn't see the sun nor the stars nor the glory of the firmament nor the beauty of the clouds that bring glory instead of gloom to the horizon.

Nor can they see anything except what lies close around themselves; no vistas; no far reaches of hills and valleys and God's glorious trees; because their eyes are turned in the wrong direction. How clear all of this is to us here on these Planes of Privilege! How we yearn to help them turn their vision upward to the hills from whence cometh all the help that any life could possibly need! Perhaps it will surprise you that we give much time and study here to finding ways whereby we may focus anew the eyes of earth residents, giving them better appreciation of what there is to behold in life—and how to see it.

This means so much to me because as you well remember, my earthly vision was darkened for years and I learned through that discipline what it means to negotiate living with little or no sight.

This message therefore, comes very close to my heart and is given to you for all the help it may be to others who need to gain clearer sight and better ways to focus their eyes. I may seem here to mix my spiritual figure of speech with my own physical experiences while I was of earth. But if I do, I nevertheless think my meaning is clear.

The many whose faces and hearts glow with cheer and joy which the world cannot understand nor explain, have learned to see true sources of happiness; to look beyond what is physical to see in everything and everybody all the good to be found therein; to look "not down but up." Looking to

the hills and horizons gives always far visions of possibilities. It reveals the shining of the sun of joy even in the valleys of life and points out the rare and beautiful heights to which any life may attain.

Looking high one never detects the mud and muck which those see whose eyes are turned downward. They see the sapphire skies of noon time; the indescribable glow of the heavens at dawn and at the going down of the sun; the glory of the moon and the majesty of the starry heavens.

As this is true of the material world, so is it true in the spiritual realms where our real living is accomplished. When one stands on high land and looks constantly up and out, there is no limit to the possibilities of what one can envision nor of the direction in which one's feet should be turned.

The down-ward looking man pulls himself in the direction of his vision. Always that is true. The upward-looking person lifts himself by the very fact and force of the direction of his vision. And inevitably he moves in that direction.

The one is filled with darkness. The other is radiant with the reflected shining of the sun in his life. Which way you look, is all the difference! And does any one have the right to shed gloom when he may reflect joy and gladness?

It makes such eternal difference both on the earth plane and in these Spirit Realms to which every one comes soon or late, in what direction you look; what you see; where you go; what you accomplish and how you do it! There is nothing fleeting about all of this.

For as you see in the earth world, so will you go. And as you go there, so will you find yourself headed when you make this Great Transition. If your eyes have been turned steadily to the heights of pure purpose and achievement, it will stand you in good stead when you reach our shores. If you have seen only the mud at your feet, you will have gone in that direction only to find yourself retarded when you come to the Spirit Planes.

Speaking as I am tonight from the Inner Planes on a message which has been reserved for this series, deciding what direction is of utmost importance, worthy of careful and serious thinking by every earth person. We leave it with you for use in the relations of these messages and their scattering abroad.

God's richest blessings be upon you as you carry a double load, looking to Him for strength for every need!

OUR FATHER

November 16

The theme tonight is of the majesty and glory of God as we know Him from these exalted Planes where we see without obstruction and serve without weariness; where we learn of His love and goodness in an atmosphere of which earth people can conceive in only limited ways. The figure of speech tells of Him as Father. It is a happy figure, seeing that in Him is all goodness and from Him come all good things. In Him is wisdom incarnate. Nothing is known that He did not create. Thinking of Him as Father has inevitably given the concept of Him as a man. Such of course, is not true. He cannot be limited. His power is almighty and radiates into every space that exists. His limitlessness is beyond human power to understand. He is pure spirit. Unseen. You remember how the Scriptures say that "No man hath at any time seen the Father."

It is impossible to see spirit. But His presence is felt and known and loved in ways of great glory, too powerful and all-pervading to explain in words for earth understanding.

It is at His will that all good flows out and that the worlds swing in their orbits; that men are given power to see the right and to live it in magnificent courage.

The consciousness of His spirit pervades us here until it seems that there is no limit to our power to worship and adore; to love and to serve Him. It fills this unseen universe with such love and glory; such visions of the possibilities of life as we lived it and as earth people are living it now, that we yearn almost unbearably to share this God with you of limited vision and partial understanding.

One glimpse, one sensation of what He really is, would unmake all the little earth ideas and concepts about Him and stretch the minds of the human for comprehending adequately the real nature and power of God the Father. Though of course, the spirit never existed that could fully comprehend Him. On these Planes of Spirit Life we come much closer to knowing and loving Him than has yet been achieved by men on the earth plane, devoted and adoring though many have been.

As we learn more of His ordering of the Universe with its multiplied worlds and its infinitude of created things, we marvel increasingly, knowing better with each revelation that from Him alone could come such power and wisdom and

glory and love. It is impossible to compress Him into human words. He just won't compress!

Mankind has too largely thought of God as austere; as Judge of all the earth. Those are phases of His limitless nature. But tonight I choose to think of Him in the relation of Father with Whom Jesus Christ was on terms of such intimate love and understanding that the two were literally one.

There was never a moment during the earth life of the Son, when more than a breath of whispered prayer was needed to bring the Two together in perfect unity, strength and power, more than sufficing for earth emergencies.

The tenderness of relation between the Father and His Son is one of the most glorious phases of experience of which this world knows, world whose paths the Son trod for three and thirty years; whose storms He stilled; whose temptations He faced and overcame; whose lessons He learned and whose sufferings He endured.

If the hungry were to be fed, Jesus lifted His eyes to the Father. If the sick were to be healed, He looked to His Father for power. If the dead were to be brought back to life, it was; "Father, I know that Thou dost always hear me!" And the dead came back to the physical dimensions of life.

In the last earthly hours when the Cross was His portion, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them!" So close was their relation of love that His endurance was adequate. And His courage never flagged nor power to fulfill His mission to the Children of Men. The Son was equal because the Father was with Him!

This does not show the Father austere, does it?

Men have erred in that they pray to the Son. He Himself enjoined men everywhere to pray to the Father. It is to God that men should lift their hearts in petition, in praise, in intercession and in worship. The Son prayed always to His Father and the one perfect prayer which teaches all men how they should pray, begins to "Our Father."

If only earth people could overcome the sense of remoteness of God, of the fearsomeness, the inaccessibility of God, and know that He is closer to them in their every earth struggle than their hands and feet; "nearer to them than breathing," what progress they would make in their spirit life! In their power to overcome the down-ward pull of earth life! What sense of communion with Him Who is all!

If you say you have heard that before, we from these Inner Planes reply, "Yes, you have heard it before. But if it

were shouted from every housetop throughout the world every hour of the day, it would not be too much emphasis upon these qualities of the great and loving God. His children are not on terms of as intimate relations as is their privilege and as would give them Infinite infusions of added grace and glory."

I urge you to worship God the Father; to pray to Him; to know the loving sides of His Infinite goodness; to turn to Him in every hour of anxious concern, remembering that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without the Father's notice! I beseech you and all to accept His offered light in any darkness; His strength in any weakness; His companionship in loneliness. It is more than any human can conceive. But it is true. He never fails! Remember that! He, God, the Almighty One, the Infinite Father, is your God, your Companion, your Helper, your Comforter, your ever-present Guide and Friend!

What greater message could we send you of earth tonight than this? The very firmament rings with His glory and the ineffable love which reflects Him. It is for you and for all of earth!

The angels sing His greatness and goodness. The spirits of just men made perfect, worship and adore. And we from these Spirit Planes are tonight telling you of earth to look to Him, the great God, for whatever your need is any moment of your lives.

He will not fail you.

I give you His blessing now in His name, blessing that is worth more than all the jewels earth mines could afford!

COMFORTS OF COMPANIONSHIP

November 18

On this your more leisurely evening, we shall talk with you about the power that comes to human hearts from constant companionship with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

The church places less and lighter stress than seems credible upon these themes of vast significance, seeming to think that matters of more modern acceptance attract and hold more people to the observances of the church. It is a mistake; so great a mistake as we here know better than you of earth can yet know.

As a result the fire upon the altar of the church burned low. There has been little or no power from the modern pulpit.

The church has become relatively like many another institution, a good investment in community life. But it lacks this deep heart of companionship with the source of all power for victorious living. This source is the Father.

To know companionship with Him is the greatest gift life could make. And it is possible for every earth person to know in the most real and practical way. You have only to ask! This companionship with the Father is the sweetest thing we here on the Inner Planes experience and we live in that experience. It is impossible to describe it to any one. But it radiates light and warmth, gladness, peace and lightness to every spirit. It puts wings on our aspirations and lifts us to higher planes of knowledge and power. It enables us to serve better when we are sent on missions that often are difficult, for the children of men. It fills our hearts with rejoicing to know that there is no limit to the growth of this indwelling companionship which climaxes every other ever known on earth or on these Ether Planes.

Only as the church on earth comes back—which really is coming forward and upward—to dependence on this companionship with the Father and thus receiving the power from Him to live grandly, will there be a flaming message and a witness to the vitality of this experience.

Companionship is a wonderful word, a comfortable word, a dear and intimate word because it represents understanding instead of aloofness and warmth of love instead of indifference.

Companionship is such a restful word, where no need exists to explain or to be on one's guard; where one may always be one's self and feed on the congenial response and enveloping love of the dear companion with whom is no variance of loyalty.

Rare and wonderful as this experience is among residents of earth, uplifting and inspiring as it is, multiply it a million times and you will get a glimmering of what companionship with the Father may mean to any heart which is opened to Him. I wish it might be possible for us here to make it so clear that mankind would see it as we see it and know that in this companionship is light for every shadow that falls across every pathway of earth. This companionship is shelter and warmth against chilling winds of discouragement and gusts of disappointment which threaten to tear the heart to shreds; against devastating sorrows that sweep down across the heart and seem to put the sun out of the heavens.

All of this is just a hint of the glory which can fill any heart that seeks this Infinite companionship with the All-Father. Every problem of life can be solved in the intimate relations of this companionship by faith in His Infinite wisdom and power. You know by your own experience how doors opened to you at a time of particular difficulty in your life; doors which no man opened, but which spread wide for you to enter into this sacred companionship with the Father Whose manifestations of love you especially needed. And you found it, experienced it and your life grew, your vision enlarged and your horizons were set farther back so that you could see and know.

I have spoken before in this series of how sore an error it was when the church stepped aside from its healing ministry of the body. Fear stepped in and the Divine Healer found no longer a place for His work among men whose bodies were sick. But that stepping away from one of the greatest opportunities the earth plane ever knew, does not mean that the power of the Father to heal His children has grown less. It merely means that they are not taking advantage of what He offers by way of health for sickness; of strength for weakness; of sturdy bodies in place of frailty which fears to do or undertake. All of this is there in the heart of the Father for any one who asks and believes and accepts.

Isn't that a marvelous triumvirate—to ask from the loving Father; to believe that He grants what you ask; and then in faith to take it? Nothing else quite equals it as an experience. These three simple things are exercises for the spirit by which faith is strengthened, courage grows stronger, power to achieve is increased and all of life is enriched beyond human power to comprehend.

Ask! Believe! Accept! These three! Yet the heart of mankind finds them difficult to prove.

Asking is simple enough. Believing when with one's eyes the thing desired cannot be seen, overtaxes average faith. Accepting when the desired is not manifest, breaks down what is a perfect prescription for the ills of all humankind.

The break-down is on the human side; never on the part of the Father. He stands ready, able, eager. But the law must be fulfilled which says that when one asks, he must believe that he receives and he must accept as having already received.

That law is simple and very profound, going into the deepest places of Divine wisdom and testing that which is

fundamental faith. Without it, this relationship between the Father and His child is not perfect.

I commend you again to read that masterful statement of Saint Paul as he said that "Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen!" And there you have it in a nut shell. No finer, no simpler, no more profound statement of what faith is and how it works has ever been given mankind than that.

If only you and all of you of earth would test it with every earth problem! Test it; prove it; make it work! Find out that it means just what it says! By so doing you would enrich your lives beyond comparison and the stature of your spirit would increase as you prove things in the spirit realm of which you had no previous knowledge.

Over here where we live, beyond the power of death to touch us or to despoil any of the wondrous beauty on which we feed our souls, it is great glory to experience anew more of what faith can mean and to demonstrate its working perfection.

You of earth always think that we here have no need of faith or of many of the things which are part of our spirit equipment as truly as they are of yours and much more actively employed than on your plane. In that you will some day learn how mistaken you were and how definite a part of our soul growth and life expansion is this radiant quality of faith in the Father. It is the dynamo of the universe. Harness faith to Infinite love and you see the tools with which we are able to work for the help of people on the planes of mortal life.

This is so great a theme that it is impossible to compass even a portion of it in these messages. But it is a very important part of the entire picture which we are giving you and will accomplish that whereunto we send it through you, for all who need and whose spiritual eyes will be opened to see, to believe and to receive!

Faith is of the endlessness of eternity! It is so simple that the little child may use it and prove it; so vast that the wisest mind can only dimly comprehend it. Happily, comprehending it is not necessary. All one needs to unlock the doors to its incalculable riches is to use it; test it and prove it!

While I was on the earth plane, I used to think that faith was an austere quality, stern, relentless and something to be a little afraid of; so little did I understand its nature or its working. Perhaps it is because it is so majestic a force, so far beyond anything which the earth mind can conceive, so super-

lative a power that mankind does not quickly grasp it nor learn to take advantage of its help.

But it isn't austere. It is part of the wisest provision the Infinite Father created as law immutable in His universe, part of the complete satisfaction which comes with companionship at the Father's side, as warm and gracious as His love which fills these Spirit Planes with radiance. Let your heart be filled with this free Faith and this Infinite love. Then you too, of earth will find your heart radiant with the same glowing quality, the same essence of love that characterize the Father.

What more shall I say on this mighty theme? Nothing at length. But I would stress the vastness of the opportunity to make life as grand an adventure as the heart can crave; stress also the certainty that faith in the Father's power to grant and to do for any who ask, is beyond cavil. Using, testing and proving are for each individual. They are part of the completeness of companionship with the Father.

However dark the world round about may be, He is light and Power and Peace and Glory and Love. Isn't this wonderful knowledge for each to have and to experience in his own life? Could heaven offer anything grander? Think on these things and demonstrate them for yourself. Then with faith renewed and love increased, you will be equipped to give more acceptably to those who need the truths which the Inner Planes herewith offer.

And now, good night to you! I go on a mission of great significance to human welfare. As I go, I send you the blessing of God the Father. This has been a most important talk.

WHEN THE PHYSICAL PRESENCE PASSES

November 19

You remember, I am sure, how the other evening when you were weary and disturbed, that you sat some while at your machine, waiting, willing to take our message. Nothing came. It was not possible to penetrate the fog of your disturbed mind and the sagging of your body.

The next day when you had peace and quiet in your heart and your body had recuperated with rest and slumber, I spoke promptly and easily to you, to the point of a vital message. You want to know why and how this is. It is neither

possible nor feasible to try to explain the process in full to the earth mind. That is one of the mysteries which is withheld from those on earth. But I am at liberty to tell you that since these communications come by electrical impulse from the Ether Planes and must harmonize with earth vibrations which are at a different rate, it is exceedingly difficult to penetrate the density of fog which surrounds any one who grieves or is disturbed in spirit.

Just why this is true, in its fulness of detail, will be made clear when you come home to this Higher Plane and are receptive to wider knowledge and clearer penetration which prevail here. Remember this, that it pays for you and all to maintain a poise of spirit and a peace of heart, both of which make possible the reception of messages from the Higher Planes to those of earth.

Lately you have been wondering about those who sorrow with fresh grief and whose hearts find no surcease from earthly loss. Nothing seems to have power to substitute for the physical presence of the beloved one who has gone. How can it be faced and endured? Where has the sunshine of life disappeared? Will the clouds ever be dispelled?

This is one of the hard problems; one of its severest disciplines; one of its most frequent experiences which seems never to lose its poignant power to darken the skies of the soul and to slow down the eagerness of living. Not strange! For the earth person has been prone to separate the physical from the spiritual and to hold to the body housing the spirit, rather than knowing that the body is only the scaffolding due to be removed when the real person, the spirit person, has no longer need for the scaffold.

Of course it is not the body that is the dear person; not the body that thinks and plans and loves and achieves. Not at all. That body is merely the housing of the spirit which is of life immortal and never subject to ravages of death. That spirit has no beginning and no ending. It is of the endlessness of eternity, which no one may comprehend.

It is not strange that the human suffers when the physical presence is removed and finds it impossible to realize that the dear one has been promoted to larger life and higher privilege. This failure to realize is because most of the earth teaching has been wrong and has placed such emphasis upon the dark side of death and the dissolution of the body. So little emphasis has been or now is placed upon the translation of the spirit

to these lofty Realms where life is unspeakably beautiful; where living is on a grander scale; and where learning is accomplished without the fitful down-dragging of the body or distractions on the earth side of life.

This seems cruel to say, but it is intended in the kindest spirit, that at the root of much of the sorrowing for those who have passed beyond the Veil mistakenly called death, lies a sinister factor of selfishness! The one who has lost a dear one often does not rise above the thought of selfish loss; of how life on earth is to be managed; or a living made; or a social plan carried out; or a physical life be maintained; or a family held together now that the one has gone whose earth work has been completed and whose spirit released for promotion.

If that one had received an earth promotion, even though it meant physical separation for long periods, there would be rejoicing that the dear one was thought worthy of such enlargement of opportunity and responsibility and grateful pride for the privilege of living in a country where beauty and joy and comfort abound, where the promoted one would never be sick nor in pain. This is so, in very truth.

But when the promotion is associated with that dark, dank word called "death," the human gives up to despair and such sense of bitter loss as makes the Inner Planes wonder whether the lesson of the Transition from earth to higher life will ever be learned.

But it will be learned, of course, with the growth of the spirit of truth which lifts the souls of mankind out of false teaching and concepts that are in error and clears the air of doubt about the process called death.

Increasingly though slowly mankind is learning to his comfort the true concept that passing from earth is the opening of the door to life infinitely better, filled with the most satisfying development and employment in the gracious fields of eternity. When that is accepted in the human heart, the worst of the loss and loneliness is gone and there comes a peace which is part of truth itself. Eradicating the factors of selfishness in so-called death, is difficult for the human. The one who has been translated may have been the bread-winner, mainstay of a family, the dependence of the community, head of a business enterprise. With him gone, what can be done? Who will carry the load? Who will earn the living? Who will find the way for the neighborhood to prosper?

It is scarcely possible to say without being misunderstood,

that back of these questions often lies something of unwillingness on the part of those who should do it, to shoulder the load of bread winning, to come from having one's way all day to the discipline of an ordered life on schedule through which ways will be found, livings be made and perplexities be solved in spirit of triumph.

The one who has gone triumphantly through such ordeals, knows that often what seemed impenetrable loss, the most impossible situation, is blessing disguised for the moment, but working through to unmistakable values to the one experiencing it. Is it not true that often a shock of loss is necessary to shake the human from his pleasant, comfortable lethargy into constructive, worthy attitude of life where he rouses himself and goes to the business of making the best of himself and his God-given powers?

I use you as illustration because you have gone through repeated experience of the passing of your dear ones to the Inner Planes until you seemed to stand alone within what appeared like an iron ring surrounding you. Nor could you find release of your vast creative powers. From a purely physical standpoint, it looked dark and bad for you.

But one by one, you came through these experiences, having grown by what your spirit learned each testing time. You might easily have given up to despair that earth would have considered unavoidable. But you were comforted and guided, your spirit was taught that the door would open and you would go free of that iron ring which figuratively surrounded you, and this standing alone prove to be the richest experience of earth for you.

It has put you through your spiritual paces and stretched every muscle of your soul life. This is part of your recompense for all you have undergone. You have proved that the scattered threads of earthly life could be disentangled and the weaving be renewed for a pattern of great beauty. What you have done, others have done. And can do!

Discipline? Yes! But it is the medium of growth, of unsuspected powers of body and spirit. It is the release of dear ones from restricting bonds of earth to unspeakable freedom and joy and peace here on the Inner Planes.

With the present earth debacle of bloodshed and agony, when millions are coming with such suddenness from the body to these shores of spirit life, this lesson which we have been giving you this afternoon, is most important. Like most

lessons, it is not easy. But it must be learned now or later for the sake of the one who goes and the one who stays longer on the physical plane. I beseech you to pass on as widely as you can, the significance and blessings which attend this Transition from the body to life which is pure spirit and filled with unspeakable glory.

If earth people could look high to the beauty and everlastingness of the life which knows no death, no sickness, no loss, no disappointments, no privations, what revolution would come about in the earth atmosphere! Weeping would give way to praise and sorrow to gratitude! All of this will come some glad day. You will have a hand in bringing it.

So praise the Father; look upward always; never give up to loneliness; seek always the comfort of the Inner Planes; and you will be doubly blest. Farewell!

November 20

The word we send you tonight concerns that old and usually dreaded thought of sacrifice in the discipline of the spirit through which it learns heights and richness of experience not otherwise attainable; but necessary for growth that must be made.

The human shies off from the idea of sacrifice. It implies suffering which is never welcome; and loss and hardship. These mankind never accepts willingly. But there is a power thru sacrifice that cannot be denied; a willingness to surrender and to forego for the sake of higher good and richer experience.

The Scriptures are filled with illustrations of the call for sacrifice and the results obtaining from willingness to give up one's own way and one's personal wishes in obedience to higher power and greater wisdom.

Could anything be more dramatic than the Patriarch Abraham as he takes Isaac, his young son, up into the mountain? Against every impulse of his father-heart, against every impulse of love and pride, he nevertheless was willing there on that mountain top to sacrifice the lad as a burnt offering to Jehovah, since that appeared to be the Divine decree.

The unknowing, unsuspecting lad; his questions about where the sacrifice was for which the altar was being prepared; the protesting heart of the father; his loyalty in ultimate degree to the decree of the Almighty; then when it seemed that the hour had struck and the lad must be offered

upon the altar, there came "the tangled ram!" How magnificent it was! How severe a test for a father-heart!

From it there came to long generations of mankind, lessons of obedience, of loyalty to higher powers, of acceptance of the will of God even though it cut across the grain of every desire of the human heart.

Abraham proved that he would hesitate at nothing which the Divine asked of him; that he would be dependable in crisis; that courage abided within him for any emergency, any sacrifice, any ordeal and that he had nothing to fear from his own weakness under stress.

What marvelous lessons they are! And what power they impart to the fiber of one's spirit. To know that one will not quail under stress; that one has the inner fortitude to endure without crumpling down in defeat; what grandeur such knowledge imparts to the heart!

The Master Himself Who came in the flesh as the Babe of Bethlehem, came knowing that He was to be offered as a lamb led to the slaughter. Every temptation was offered to deflect Him from His course which was in harmony with the will of the Father.

He surrendered all claims to joys of this world; to experiences normal to the human; all desire for power that He might prove "that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Sacrifice, when the spirit is right, holds within itself grandeur of power; sturdiness of courage; sweet sense of loyalty; willingness to surrender the lesser for the greater, that are part of the discipline of every life.

We here on these Inner Planes were all tested when we were on earth, to see whether we could endure the strain of giving up our wills for the will of a higher power. Our limited vision could not see why nor even that the sacrifice could work out for greater good. The greatest benefit comes to the learning spirit. We proved that. We know the value of those lessons. The closer they come to cutting into the quick of life, the greater the ultimate reward in spirit power. Does that seem anomalous and hard to understand?

It is part of the mystery of life. No man may escape this discipline of sacrifice on the earth plane or here on the Inner Planes. It is an integral part of soul growth. As with all discipline, the more firmly it is grasped, the more unquestioningly it is accepted, the more rapid is the progress. This is its own reward.

He who seeks to escape discipline, who places his wishes first, comes never to any size in the world of the human or on the Ether Planes. We give that we may have; yield that we may grow; suffer that we may rejoice; all under the law of the wise God Who orders the lives of His children for their good. From these Planes of greater vision and larger understanding, we beg you of earth not to be afraid of the idea nor the experience of sacrifice; not even when your dearest ambitions and possessions are involved. Do not fear it! At its heart, it holds vast treasure for the one who accepts willingly and loyally and does not hold back in seeking his own wishes.

We have seen this exemplified so often that we know what it means for the human to offer himself and his abilities; his comfort and ease; his ambitions and talents for other than selfish use. In the home, this law is in constant practice—or in denial. Where there is unwillingness to sacrifice one's way, discord prevails illustrating what we say to you tonight. In community and church, in state, nation and throughout the world, the law holds with never an exception.

There is no relationship of the human where this discipline need not be experienced. Daily it presents itself in the associations of ordinary human life. Where it is understood and the principle of it followed, there come richness and mellowness, sweetness of spirit, strength of purpose, that make life a marvelous adventure.

Thus you see how that which is dreaded and shunned, is really a source of blessing when it is experienced in the right spirit. How it contributes to possibilities of growth and might in meeting the demands of living!

All of this illustrates the wonders of the laws which the Creator implanted in His world when He brought forth the races of men and gave them the world over which to have dominion. He gave them each other and themselves over whom to have right dominion, to come nearer the stature of what God intended they should be. It is all a part of the whole creative plan!

Down where you are on the earth plane, you are so close to constant conflict, that you do not see these things in proper perspective. But here, we see them as they are. And we never cease to marvel at the inter-workings of Almighty plans for His creation and the perfection of functioning when the children of men yield to this functioning.

We wish you could stand off at a distance occasionally

and see the real picture. How it would clarify much that is murky and little understood! But you will see it and understand it when you are through with your earth work and ready to come up here—not to rest, but to work with renewed strength and ardor, with clarified vision and stepped-up powers; to rejoice and be glad at the opportunities that surround you here for wider serving of those on the lower planes of privilege.

The time is not yet. Much remains for you to do for which you are equipped and which will yield you great satisfaction.

The mighty themes which present themselves in this series, seem to have no end. They all fit into a well-rounded whole for which my instructors who prepare these talks with me, are eager.

Do you not see—but of course you do—how these latter messages have changed from the first ones which came through your helpful “receiving station”? Without her it would have been impossible for this door of communication between your world and mine to be opened. As the talks have progressed, they have steadily reached up to higher levels and to mightier themes for which you could not have been ready in the first stages of this experience. You have come to it gradually through loyal acceptance of this responsibility which we placed upon you.

You go back in your thinking often to that evening, more than two months now according to your earth time, when you had been told that you were to complete this manuscript without any intermediate party, directly with me. You were skeptical. And a bit annoyed. You made no move to start. So the spirits from these Inner Planes came to your earth home and with their inexplicable power, lifted you from your chair, took you across your floor, seated you at the machine and placed your hands on the keys. Still you hesitated until my words began to flood your consciousness. That is the story. It has mystery. Yes! And that must remain mystery. But enough has now been told for you to understand the sacred origin of this series of lessons direct from us of the Inner Planes through you, to needy earth people. Again I congratulate you that you were chosen, even if it was hard to arouse your consciousness to acceptance of your part in this plan.

This message draws to its close. Its lessons are of utmost importance and significance. I beseech you to learn them with willing heart. I leave you now for other missions.

May the sweet peace of our Lord rest upon and abide with you as you make your way through the work of the days. I bless you with all joy. Good night!

THE POWER OF PRAISE

November 21

It is good to renew our talks tonight on things of immortal importance that matter most in the life of humankind. Transient interests come and go, mattering little one way or another. But these issues brought before you from the Inner Planes, do matter much.

In their observance, they are open sesame to larger life on the earth plane; and they further spiritual progress as one by one earth people come up higher to live without the weight and sag of the body.

You are on the eve of your Thanksgiving celebration and this forms the theme of our discourse this evening. Not the celebration. Do not misunderstand me. But the power and the spirit of Thanksgiving as it operates in the human heart and as we live it here on these Immortal Planes.

The heart responds to that upon which it is nourished. When it is fed upon gloom and dismay and displeasure, nourished on doubt and darkness of outlook, it partakes of those qualities and is depressed. Thus living is colored to match that which the heart accepts. It is serious when one realizes that the power of thought can change the whole complexion of earth living. But so it is. There is nothing more down-pulling than thoughts of despair on which many people live; discouragement and despondency on which to make a life. No wonder they come through each day at so poor a dying rate, with little to show for the effort of living.

Turn the picture around and see what a difference it makes when one sees the sunny side; and gauges life after the pattern of brightness and happiness and gladness for everything that is good! Many earth people see the good side of the picture and profit by it. But they do not stop to realize their responsibility for expression of thankfulness for this good. Thus they divide and diminish the good that would be theirs if they took a positive attitude and realized their obligation to express thankful praise for the manifold good that comes every day.

There is no tonic for the body which excels praise and

thanksgiving. It tones up the body and brings the spirit to higher levels than could be reached in a millenium of gloom. It starts circulation, stirs nerve activity, animates the brain cells and makes life over for the better.

It is a marvelous factor in large living. When Jesus Christ walked the highways of His Palestine, you remember how He healed those who had grievous diseases, yet only one returned to praise Him. That one had greater growth in real life values than those who took the good and went off saying nothing to any man. They lost for their spirits the tonic and the thrill that come when one gives heart-warming thanks for good that has been received. It doubles every good when one gives thanks for it because it opens the eyes of the spirit to clear vision of other good and tones up all the quality of living for receiving other good.

As I found it while I was resident upon earth, as you find it now, and as we here know that it is, the custom too often is to take the good that comes, be casually glad, say not much about it and go on with the affairs of life. That way leads to poverty of spirit and stunts the growth of spirit powers which otherwise would multiply and fill life with more for which to be glad. Why are earth people so loathe to express emotions of gratitude? If only they would see what transforming power there is in hearty giving of thanks, deep spiritual thanks for every good thing that comes with the days, they would change the face of their living and soon they would be as different persons.

Earth residents have become accustomed to concealing emotions that bear any relation to the life of the spirit. That is a mistaken notion, a losing custom which results in pinched, starved standards within the soul where there should be lavishness of joy and gratitude.

When instead of this stunting concealment of the buoyant powers of thanksgiving, there is full and free willingness to show, indeed to shout praise for innumerable gifts which God has made a part of life, the entire measurement of living changes. And life becomes a rare adventure in good which increases with every expression of genuine thanksgiving.

Here on these Planes of Spirit we shout and sing for joy to give vent to our gratitude for the inexpressible goodness and wholeness which surround us and make our work the ecstasy that it is. How this unrestrained emotion of thanksgiving fills our spirits to overflowing and doubles every joy!

I wish you could feel some of the released power which sweeps over us from this spiritual exercise! It is not limited to life on these Planes. In smaller degree and on slower rate of vibration the same quality of growth in all good things fills your horizon when you lift up your heart and give thanks.

How we wish every one of earth would put this to a thorough test. Try it out! Prove it! Any one who does, will give thanks anew for this lesson which comes from the deep places of the Spirit Planes.

I would that I might show any who need, how mistaken it is to reserve thanksgiving until everything is prosperous and there are no heartaches, no problems of supply, or health, or placement. The one who waits until perfection in his affairs has manifested, will never know the joy of singing praises and shouting in thankfulness for the good things which no man can number.

Does life seem more filled with burdens and sorrows, with loads and disappointments to bear, than with things over which to rejoice? It will always seem so when it is on these that the thought is allowed to dwell. But with vigor of spirit turn to inventory of the blessings with which life is filled, then see if the scales of a thankful spirit do not show a true picture for rejoicing, that will enlarge the whole basis of living.

We here on these Spirit Planes do not forget our earth knowledge and so it comes to me to remind you that when those first men and women of heroic mold came to settle upon the inhospitable shores of this your country, they faced hunger, disease and death, with cold and drought, famine and danger. Yet it was with them that the formal celebration of Thanksgiving began! So much more seemed against giving thanks than for it. But they were wise in their knowledge of life. They gave thanks in the face of tragedy and disaster. And they set the pace for all who followed, as the country grew rich and powerful in all things material.

Thinking carefully about giving thanks I urge you to see that good received is in no wise limited to material good. When it is so limited in thought, half the blessing is gone. The good of highest value pertains to the spirit, to that which is immortal.

Who can count the spiritual good that floods every life of earth? The love of God, Divine protection, ever present help in any trouble, the over-shadowing Presence with its power to bestow peace upon a heart over-wrought with grief! There is no possibility of estimating this good which is as free

as the air. Need one wait for more than these, to lift up the heart in outspoken praise and thanksgiving?

Each time you raise your praise in loyalty and joy, your power to give thanks is increased.

Thereby your power to receive more of the greatest and best things from the Almighty Giver, is enlarged. Do you not see how it operates always for the good of the one who is willing to make a life of constant expression of gratitude until the heart seems unable to contain more of the good that flows into it?

Oh, think of this day after day. Let your life overflow with thanksgiving even when things seem hard and you do not see your way clearly. Just praise and give thanks that the loving Father knows your way. He knows your need. He has all power, all love, to bestow upon you of earth whose hearts open by the magic door of giving thanks.

The surest way to close the door of the heart against increased good is to close the door on thanksgiving and tune out all feelings of gratitude for good which has been received. That does indeed lock and bar the door.

I wish I had fully appreciated this wonderful lesson while I was yet a resident of earth. It would have meant enlargement of my spirit powers and made me more a representative of the Father Whom I sought to serve.

Not until I came hither did I realize the possibilities for growth and joy and service that abide in giving heart-felt thanks for everything, even for what seems misfortune! Often it brings blessing in its wake. Learn your lesson! Do! And may the peace and joy of the loving Father rest upon you now and evermore. I give you my richest blessing and I shall come again at your next leisure. Good night!

GLEAMING GOLD

November 22

You looked up with surprise when you heard me speak the theme for this evening—"A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth!" Weren't you surprised when that flashed through your consciousness and you knew that upon such theme the evening message would depend?

This is one of the glorious things in life, that what a man

has is not related to what he is. Many will not agree with you. To such, money and its equivalents are the gauge and standard, the beginning and end of all values. To them, every one is big or little according to the size of the bank account. How poor such people are! Let a little gale of economic instability come blowing around the corner of life unexpectedly and gleaming piles of gold are whisked away, gone as completely as the wind that blew from somewhere and is gone, no man knoweth whither.

It cannot be other than that such changes in earthly holdings come over-night on the wings of national disaster; poor management; from death; or a thousand causes. Funds that were the be-all and end-all of some, are vanished. What is left? To their view-point, not much. They have estimated everything by false and transitory standards. They have measured the fabric of life by a yard stick that could not be depended upon.

It is tragedy when such situations exist. I do not mean when money is swept away. Often that is great blessing. The tragedy is when that has come to be any earth person's standard of estimating life values. By those standards, so much that is truly great, is below consideration. So many that are of the great among the children of the Heavenly Father, are scarcely noticed, because the yard stick is false in its measuring power.

Money and their equivalents have their place. There is nothing inherently wrong with them. They contribute to the comfort of earthly existence and make possible to the temporary owners of such riches, many favors to others. Money can be used as one of God's rich gifts, a trust from Him for which accounting will inevitably be made when the steward of that money reaches these Planes of Spiritual Power. Here nothing counts except what a man is, beneath all trappings.

Money was not scorned by Jesus when He lived on earth. You remember how He helped some weary fishermen who had caught nothing all night until He directed their fishing. Then a fish with silver in its mouth! Many times He used the convenience of coin to teach His lessons and to transact the affairs of His world. The Holy Scriptures speak of "the silver and the gold which are His," and "the cattle upon a thousand hills." Of itself and for uses for which it was intended, money is one of life's great assets and the medium of good through many channels.

Trouble begins when it gets out of proportion, when

instead of being a vehicle for good, it is made the good itself. Then there is the mischief to pay. Life tangles into snarls when that happens. Values become confused. Standards muddle themselves. Hearts ache and break when those standards are in false balance and money is given place of greater power than it is entitled to have. Turn again to your Scriptures and see how this statement accords with that familiar verse which says that it is the love of money which is the root of all evil.

There is the difference between what is good and useful and that which holds the seeds of much evil. I have used money as an illustration. It is typical of the lack of balance in other lines of life, where false measurements disrupt the order of living and man's trust is misplaced because of it.

Part of the trouble comes from putting the medium of good in place of the good itself. For life is beyond anything which material means can make it. Real life is of the spirit entirely, beyond the power of money or its equivalents to reach. Many lives which were firmly grounded and had in them to make a grand issue of the earth stretch, cracked up because the power of money got out of hand and came to seem like the real thing, master instead of servant!

Money makes possible many good things. But life can be grand and noble without any of them, grander far, if having them shifts the basis of trust from the Father as Source of All and as Himself All, and makes possessions the basis.

Trouble begins right there. Take the material goods which money makes available. Enjoy them for just what they are—adjuncts to living. But in no wise relate them to real living!

Many examples come to the memory of thoughtful people where life on a grand scale proved entirely independent of material comfort which money makes possible. Men have lived in the world but so little of it, that they had physical possessions in the minimum. Yet their minds ranged the highest levels of thought to which mortals can ascend. They literally "thought God's thoughts after Him," oblivious of false standards which the human has set up.

Their greatness depended not even upon physical wholeness. Some of earth's grandest have not had soundness of body. St. Paul, you remember, had that ever-present "thorn in the flesh" about which earth people have wondered so much. Surely he had nothing of earthly goods. But he made life a tremendously grand investment, above any power of the ma-

terial to tempt him. He lives on because his spirit was freed to do its great work.

Much of the enduring work of the world has been done by those possessing not even the sight of their physical eyes nor the hearing of their ears nor means enough for comfort of their bodies. But their minds have soared beyond these superficial things as if they had not existed. Their lives consisted not in the abundance of any thing which they possessed.

It is wonderful to live completely freed from bondage to things; from fear of losing the paltry medium of exchange for which often are traded the richest privileges to which the mind of the human is full heir. Again it is a case of false standards. From our conning towers here on the uplands of the eternal world, we see alarming signs of the worship of money and the power it holds over lives of men. Many have sold their souls for its transient glitter and have found that it was only dust which crumpled beneath their fingers. But they had made their choice. And by it they had to abide.

In the terrible disruption which is tearing the civilizations of earth to shreds, the power which gold wields is alarming, in that it reveals how far mankind is from being willing to accept a spiritual standard for the new world era about which men talk wisely and for the most part, they are not planning wisely. It still is in their finite minds that the might of money and of arms must be the foundation of peace. But the might of money and arms will not bring nor maintain the peace which the world needs.

That can come and will come only when men have learned in agony and in complete self-surrender that the will of the Almighty and His standards must be in control of the new world wherein men are to have freedom and justice, good for their bodies and opportunity for the up-sweep and out-reach of their minds and spirits. No longer should there be fear of aggression for the sake of earthly pomp and power; no longer desire for ungodly balance of power; but working and living, heart and soul, for good to prevail for every man; for righteousness and peace and truth and honor to fill the earth and no man's hand be turned against any other man!

This is not a utopian view which I am presenting to you tonight. It is the foundation of what must come to pass on your earth before the awful price of this destruction shall be justified. There is no other way. It means that many who are high, shall be brought low. Prevalent self-seeking which has

cursed the earth for ages, will be diminished. In its place will be absorbing desire for good to come to the earth life of each person and united effort help make the earth bloom and flourish with richness of its products.

All of this grows simply and naturally from the theme of my evening discourse. It leads conclusively to sure belief in the rightness and inevitability of the word which forms the crux of this talk—"A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." How rich you are that this is true! How free one is who is out from under the power of things, released for great living in the power of the spirit!

Not many yet are willing to accept this which I am here saying. Of itself this matters not at all. It does not alter the truth. It does matter in that it shows false standards prevailing with so many earth people. Your own attitude in this vital matter and help in circulating these talks, will bring others to see and to accept it. God the Father bless you!

GREAT DESTROYER

November 23

A glad good afternoon to you on this your Thanksgiving Day! How much the spirit of such day will mean to millions of earth residents! Many will be up-lifted by the atmosphere and memories of the day. Others will be saddened, not able to rise above low-hanging clouds of loss and change, into the full, positive spirit of the day at its best.

You yourself have just had a touch of nostalgia—I was standing beside you at the time—when you came across some paper which brought vivid memories flooding over you, of the time when many of us worked together for the betterment of humanity, as we saw it. You will be neither surprised nor displeased to have me say that in some ways our sacrificial service was misguided. We were in error in thinking that all of our philanthropy was for the good of mankind. We followed the light as we saw it and did our best. We must let it rest there without worry or misgivings.

It is concerning that common, every-day word that I would speak this afternoon—worry! It is on the lips and in the consciousness of most people much of the time. It seems harmless. But it is a great destroyer. One of the besetting sins of earth people, worry has not one good thing to recommend

it. It is negative from start to finish. It sees only the dark side of every situation. Where there is no dark side, worry trumps up one.

For the person who would live grandly, worry is not to be taken even into speaking acquaintance, much less lived with on intimate terms which so many people give it. What is it? It amounts to saying that God is over-powered by something which leads into morasses of doubt and fear; that bogs us deeper down with every consideration we give it. Worry is related only to fear and the dark things of that brood, to none of which need any earth mortal ever give a moment's harbor.

Worry is a modern word though the worry fact has no modernity about it. It is as old as mankind, companion of negative qualities of living with which man has struggled through the ages. Many who do not think clearly but who skim the surface of thought, often say, oh, so often, that they "are awfully worried" about this or that. What good does it do? What strength does it give? What light does it shed? What help does it bring? Think through the situations about which men have thought they had to worry. See if you can find one single spark of common sense in worrying about them.

Nothing comes from it save depleted courage; lessened faith; and diminished strength to pull through whatever the issue may be.

Never has a constructive thought or plan evolved from worry or from giving up to it—not one! It acknowledges no faith in one's power to win through. Not only is it sign and evidence of weakness, but it drains strength from others who are prompted to worry by hearing it so ceaselessly talked about.

Worry is a denial of God and His omnipotence! If God is All-Power—and we know He is; if He is All-Knowledge—and we know He is; if He is All-Love—and we know He is; if His ear is open to every human cry and His eyes to human need, where can worry possibly find a crack through which to crawl into human consciousness?

Much of the difficulty is that it doesn't have to search out a crack through which to crawl. Most of the time it finds the front door of the human heart wide ajar to admit it! Once in, it sets out to stir up doubt about God's being really a practical help. All right in theory. But here is something practical that mankind would better worry about! Leave God to theory and to the church for special occasions. And begin to worry about this particular matter.

If knowledge of how to meet an issue or an emergency is tempting any human to worry, why not turn to the One Who is All-Knowledge; Who made the world; Who made mankind and should know how to show the way through details of daily living? Isn't that reasonable? Isn't that what the Father would expect His children to do? And wouldn't the child do it where an earthly father was concerned? How much more certain earth people should be of the willingness and the power of the All-Father in however small a matter! For of course you remember that so-true verse from Scripture which says, "How much more shall your Heavenly Father give good gifts to them that ask Him!" Right there is the way out for everybody who meets the perplexities and problems with which the highway of earthly life is strewn.

First, lock the door of your heart against the ugly brood which worry brings. Then in glad confidence, ask the Father for light and wisdom and guidance. Leave the whole matter in His hands. That is hard for the human to do. He is so sure that he must solve the problem with the little bit of knowledge and experience which his few years on earth have given him. Is it strange then, that clouds gather and darkness fills his heart?

From these Spirit Heights we see this process repeating itself illimitably on the earth as mankind struggles with what the days bring and as talk circles from mouth to mouth, that "there is so much to worry about!" We know what many of earth know, that there is nothing to worry about! Not even in this distraught day! Not even in this day of awful suffering! Not one single thing to worry about!

But there is much to have faith about! To ask the Father about! So many difficult stretches along the road where there seem no guide-boards to point the way. At every one of these, He is there to tell you the way to go, when you ask!

Many heart-breaking times come to earth people when their hearts are torn with loss of loved ones. I speak the word "loss" only as earth people use it; not as we here know it for promotion. These bereft ones often take the conventional course and turn to worrying. How shall they find the way to go? How can they endure what has come to them?

I speak in tenderest appreciation of what these experiences do for earth people. But that is the way of weakness. It is the downward-moving, earth way, not the sunlit highway along which the Father will lead any child who asks Him

how to go; puts his earth hand in the hand of Omnipotence and walks courageously into the dark, knowing that the light will shine and the way be made clear.

You remember vividly that period of your life when you were in uncertainty; when influences were seeking to lead you astray, strong earth influences which had much to offer along materialistic lines. At the point of your greatest danger, there shot into your consciousness like the sounding of a clear bell, this guidance from the Inner Planes; "Your way will be made clear!" That settled the issue for you. And you went free from the sinister influence which was surrounding you.

It was clear, spiritual guidance sent you at a moment of great need by the spirits on the Ether Planes who serve the Infinite Father through endless ages. How gratefully you recognized the source of that guidance! How gladly you stepped clear of entangling relationships! Would worry have had the word of guidance to speak to your consciousness? Or fear? Or doubt? But a whispered prayer brought the light. Always it does.

Worry is the hard, the struggling way. Faith and trust are the sure way along which you will be guided and your feet set upon firm places.

I am speaking today of that which is a deeply rooted ailment of the earth mind; which keeps mankind bound down to dullness of spirit in which is no radiance of faith and no beauty of trust.

The earth mind so easily misunderstands and thinks of faith as something removed from daily living and needs. As if it were part of the ritual of the church reserved for special occasions, instead of the dear treasure to be held close within the heart; used in confidence day or night; the good gift of the Father to His child.

If only you would think of it this way, living would be transformed. Your loads would be lifted and your spirit go free to greater heights of experiencing God in His Infinite love and glory and peace and power!

What rich rewards those are! Earth sometimes seems to be indifferent to these mighty spiritual challenges. Yet we know the number daily increases in which the children of earth come to deeper comprehension of the relation of living to the will and the presence of the Father and His power in the human heart.

The nearer the day draws to universal understanding and

acceptance of Him as All, the greater and grander an adventure will earth life become.

Often the earth man raises the specious plea that those who do exercise faith in their lives, have as many difficult experiences; as many losses or sorrows as those who lay no claim to following where faith points the path.

Yes! Let me repeat what several times the earth mind has been reminded of in this series and what thoughtful earth people know, that nowhere in Scripture is the spiritually-minded man promised freedom from trials. Think back to Elijah; to Daniel; to St. Paul; to the saints and apostles; to Jesus Christ!

No one of them spared the trials of earth! But Divinely strengthened and constantly guided; upheld and made equal to the ordeal. That is the glory!

The strong man does not ask to be spared. He asks to be strengthened. See it in this illuminating way of spirit and be grateful for all it represents.

And now I thank you for joyfully giving your holiday time to this message. It has riches for you as for all who will accept them.

The blessings of the Infinite be upon you now and always. My blessings too I give you as I go to other service.

November 25

You have been perplexed of late because you have seemed to feel a frustration in your life that is not justified. You have agonized in that you have not been permitted to reach out into material ways toward a career that would shock up with others whom the world seeks hither and yon.

This spirit of discouragement came upon you partly through too much aloneness; partly through things you have read; partly because of the atmosphere in which you work.

You have been saved from all this for which you yearned, so transient and ephemeral; as unsatisfying as a wisp of cloud to a hungry man.

Those whom you know and who occasionally lord it over you for reasons of their present popularity, have their own troubles. They do not lie on beds of roses. Neither do they understand the underlying qualities of your life and work. They can't. You are wise in always giving them more than their mede of appreciation. There let it rest. And know within

your own heart that popular acclaim is merest chaff on the threshing floors of life, nothing except for the wind to drive away and be forgotten.

You know all of this. And you believe it. But sometimes when things grind your spirit you need to be told again how favored you are that the Inner Planes claimed you, against your will somewhat, but nevertheless claimed you, for this work which will endure; uplift; bless; and be light in the darkness of many a spirit.

It is not for one of the earth plane to run ahead of Divine guidance and chart his own course. Almost surely he loses the way and there is trouble in finding the road back to the Father's companionship.

So, suppose you leave all of this, rewards and everything, in our hands. Rest assured that what you need, you will have; not always what you want. I told you that in the first of this series. Once or twice it has seemed necessary to remind you that this work is not your choice. It is our choice for you. And that is better.

THE WAY FOR NATIONS AND MEN

November 26

Whatever comes from the will of the Father, will make you content, you have just said aloud. I was standing here as you spoke those words. And it is well when you or any one wills to be content with the will of the Almighty. It is so far beyond the dreams of any human. Always it means only good for him who accepts in praise and gratitude.

We here, looking back on our earthly careers which seem remote and tiny in point of time, know better than the human can know, how tiny earth is in every way except as a school for developing character from spiritual standards.

All things else are as vapor which passes almost before one sees it. Material aspects of earth living, money, success, applause, popularity, are all right but only as means to the deeper, richer aspects of earth life; only as adjuncts to the growing of the spirit God-ward.

I realize that I have said this before, often, in these messages. It needs saying over and again until children of earth learn it; not by rote but by experience; until having learned it in theory, they learn it in close, personal experience and know that it is true.

It is impossible to know contentment if one is depending upon things which are material. They breed only discontent, grasping, jealousy, comparison of all things by standards which call for more discontent-breeding things.

"Things" in one or another form cause most of the difficulty on your earth. One of these is power. The one who has a little power, begins at once, often unconsciously to seek more power. You expressed it recently when you said that you wondered why holding a certain office, seemed always to go to the head. It does. And that is a sign of trouble, one way or another. That is what is the matter with your world today—more power over lives and resources and nations and government—power and more power of material sort!

There you have in a nutshell, the foundation of all that is out of gear from the human side of life. If those in power were content to exercise reasonable authority from deep desire to be helpful to ones over whom the power is wielded, without thought of selfish aggrandizement, your world would overcome its major problem. For in that one word—power—are rooted the evils which inhere in greed for riches, for the sake of more power.

Break that down in your human terms and see how it ramifies into social circles, business life, political ambitions, into the administration of the church! Power and riches are tremendous assets when they are harnessed to the will of the Father; devoid of earthy aspirations; sought and exercised for helping to bring about the Divine will on earth as it is in heaven.

That phrase which I have just used from the perfect prayer, is the foundation stone for the abiding civilization which ultimately will exist upon earth. It will never come through men of material aspirations who seek personal aggrandizement for themselves or their nations. That situation is prevailing now in alarming degree as leaders of earth are grappling with problems which must be faced, understood and solved before peace treaties will mean more than pieces of paper.

They are going about it from the wrong end. The soldier who has suffered every privation and agony imaginable, has for the most part, done it with altruistic ambition, to protect the world from dictatorship and to preserve the freedoms most desirable for earth living.

These men, returning to their homes in disability or coming over to this side of life, find themselves disillusioned

and disheartened. I have been serving them upon their arrival on these Spirit Planes, welcoming them, assisting in their adjustment to this new order. And they have revealed their deep heart disappointment at the manifest absence of the pure idealism with which they endured and paid the final price with the laying down of their physical lives.

It has been hard for them to see old, troublesome ideas of government which have led to the bitter conflicts this world has known arising from greed for power and place, sitting in the front ranks today!

One nation is unwilling to give up its authority over a smaller nation because it would mean giving up riches and power; unwilling to yield advantage centering in governmental authority from which power and riches accrue; another nation bled white in the struggle for freedom facing the same situation of grappling with greed of larger nations! It is all wrong; hopelessly wrong! It cannot eventuate in peace which will justify the struggle nor bring the world nearer the ideals which nations announced as their goals—freedom from fear and liberty for man to live and to come to his best possible self!

No one ever reaches his goal until he sees the way he should go—then goes that way. The way for nations and men is the highway of unselfish, altruistic searching for terms of peace which shall be fair and workable. Along this highway every man may travel in confidence as he seeks to work and to achieve in ways that are right and useful, ways that will break down forever the possibility of man or nation usurping power with wealth that would permit his wielding the power for selfish ends. The only way this will be attained is through humbly seeking to know the way the Divine will approves; to see the out-workings of this will for races of men; then being willing to translate the visions into terms of agreement by which nations will govern themselves.

This will be a lasting experience through every day of which leaders and those who follow will recognize the dominance of good over evil. Honor and fairness will be placed above gaining advantage. Unselfishness will substitute for grasping. Only what is right instead of what is politic, will be sought. Personal advantage will be submerged for the greater good of the larger number, all in the spirit of God, the Eternal, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Does it seem to the earth mind a long journey to go to a just and lasting peace? It is! Formal peace will come prior to

this of which I have been speaking. It will be a better peace than the former one. But it will rest upon demands and usurpings that are the offspring of this desire for more power; upon the too-little caring for those who have not the wherewithal to force their will at the peace table and so must accept what they can get.

Do you wonder that the angels in heaven grieve at what they see on earth? Can you wonder that the millions whose blood has been shed these recent years for the sake of a righteous peace and a civilization of freedom from fear, question whether the price they paid was too high? All of it comes from mankind's not being content with enough. Always he has wanted more; almost always it has been more for himself. This "more" has generally been in terms of power with which he could exert his will, whether as capital breaking the backs of labor, or as heads of governments, or manipulating the money exchanges of the world, breaking whomsoever fell beneath the sledge hammer of monetary power.

Countless ways in which this operates. It begins at the same source and tends toward the same purpose. When people of earth come to the place of praying for Divine will to be done "on earth as it is done in heaven," not merely mumbling it as part of a ritual, then will come very wonderful developments in life through peace which will envelop the world. It will blossom in unimagined glory and mankind will really know what it means to live under the shadow of the All-Wise, All-Loving, All-Powerful Father.

Why are men so blind? Why will they not see that they are following "wandering fires" which will lead them again into wallows of defeat and despair instead of toward the highlands of freedom and peace, of growth and beauty and satisfaction, where enough will await every man and when swords shall be turned into plough shares, with no man lifting his hand against his neighbor?

As we see the holocausts that are burning up civilizations and treasures of the ages, destroying what had inestimable value, reeking fury upon races and nations, does it not seem inconceivable that humanity has allowed itself to come to this pitiable pass? Again I say it has come because man has worshipped power and has sought to grasp always more of it, instead of worshipping Him through Whom the life of the world can yet become a thing of priceless glory.

Many are seeing it as we see it. Great newspapers are

urging people to pray for God's blessing and protection and guidance. This is revolutionary. But it is only the start. It does not yet go deeply enough into the being of humanity to become the motivating influence which can shape the policies of mankind in ways of such harmony with Divine will as to preclude forever the making of wars and the destruction of mankind in ruthless seeking after place and power.

All of this message I have saved until now. It is most important and will accomplish much as soon as it can reach the attention of mankind. As you work with it, I give you the richest blessing of God the Father in Whom is all power for good and for contentment. My blessing I add on this Sabbath afternoon which you have loyally given to receiving this message.

November 27

I want to speak briefly now on another topic which I have barely touched. It concerns willingness to work. Does that seem strange to you? It may to many people of your plane. For there are many who do not relish the working side of life. They wish others to do for them and never know the joy of exhaustive, constructive work that taxes them but inspires the desire to go on and do more. Real joy comes this way, provided working is done in the spirit of service. When it is done as drudgery, the blessing is omitted and nothing is left but ashes of a burned-out task. The need to work even for daily necessities, is good. It carries within its heart many unseen gifts that are worth cultivating: the obligation to lose no time; to make every minute count; to face doing what one would prefer not to do and doing it cheerfully; the things one learns about disciplines and spiritual riches that are part of all this.

Not one of these good things connected with work but is a seed of spiritual power when it is tested and proved with spirit growth in mind and exemplified to that end. When these lessons are not seen and not learned, then work becomes weariness, blessings are not earned and the glow is darkened.

I do not see how any one who does not relish work can be happy in the life over here where we who have passed the Veil which separates us from earth circles, work incessantly and glory in it. To us, any work which is ordered in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, is joy unspeakable. Why should we care what it is, just so in the

doing we may be serving some child of the Father who is in need, to whom we can carry comfort and perhaps sometimes the blessings of abundance?

No longer, since we left the garments of the flesh behind, do we care except to be busy about the work of the Father. There are many varied ways in which we strive to meet the needs, especially now with such unprecedented numbers of battle-wounded and worn, coming over in great throngs.

How busy it keeps us with the joy of allocating to them the places prepared for their coming and seeing that they are introduced to all of the new life which they can assimilate at one time. Of course, it takes time to understand and to feel at home under new surroundings.

But how they do joy in learning what a different place this heavenly world is, from what they had supposed! How grateful they are to find out first hand that there is nothing to fear and that those whom they love and who will come after them, have nothing fearsome to endure. They glow with gratitude as they understand this.

They take up their own work quite promptly, beginning in small ways, marveling that there is no weariness, no shirking, no monotony, no clamor for favored places.

"How different it is from earth from which we have just come!", they cry out. It is almost beyond their belief when they are new-come here, to realize that they do not grow tired since they left their broken bodies behind. New orders of life they accept amazingly well. They are so grateful that when they are what people call "dead" they are so much more alive than they ever dreamed of being on the earth.

So it is not strange, perhaps, that I should wish to speak to you about willingness to work. Done in the up-lifted spirit, it is part of the spiritual discipline to which each is expected to accustom himself while he is resident upon earth.

Any task which holds within itself the seed of good to any of God's children and which is done in the spirit of good, is worthy of being appreciated by the Spirit Planes and is so approved.

It matters not whether the human is conscious of the approval. But that he keeps on at an honest task in the spirit of doing his part in the work of the world and that he puts all possible loyalty of heart into the doing, are prime qualities for the character building which will enable him to rate high when he comes over to our side of life.

THIS SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

That expression of what is truth—the other side of life—is one great fact which earth people have learned only in part. Mostly they yet think of the dark line which they call death as cutting cruelly through the life of earth and separating it by a vast mystery from the other life over here. True! It is mystery which may not now be explained and which has had such terror for humankind.

Though it is mystery, it is not cruel.

Sometimes physical pain accompanies it. But that is brief. Then comes the sweet cessation, the consciousness of passing earth limitations and the unspeakable experience of the beginning of spirit life to flood through and to supplant whatever weakness had existed with strength that is unbounded; to replace with joy what had been fear; to begin to sense something of the glory and service that are part of this side of life.

Oh! do let me stress this to you and through you to all who read these messages: there is no dividing line between these two existences. There is no death. Life is without beginning and ending. It came from God and it remains with God Who Himself is the Alpha and the Omega. The mysterious experience which is called death for lack of a better name, is merely part of the order of nature.

The tree is not dead when in glory its outward appearance is changed, the gorgeous foliage disappears and the tree stands stark and bare. It is not dead. It is undergoing a mysterious change for a time in the form of its manifest life.

But at its heart is the powerful life germ; resting in safe seclusion against harm from blasts of external nature is the life-giving sap. And at the order of nature, which is another word for God, sap again begins to flow; the same sap; through the same tree; and the same life goes forward. There is no death!

When sometime the sap in our tree no longer functions, every particle that was in and of that tree changes into other form of life and is not lost. There simply is no death! The changes that come in the physical organism when the living spirit is released from the hampering garment of flesh, frighten and all but unhorse those who are left of the earth circle. Their faith is not sufficiently grounded, their knowledge of things spiritual is not rooted deeply in the Word of God and in His provisions for the welfare of His children. Thus they are filled with dread at this process which disrobes the spirit

from the out-worn garment and sets it free to wing to realms where limitations are not known; neither sickness nor any lack!

Only the garment is left behind! Sometimes it would seem that the garment of flesh was too new; too beautiful; too useful; too beloved to be laid aside so early. That too, is part of the order of nature and of nature's law in one or another realm and is the medium through which the Great Transition comes to the young and gay just beginning their lives on earth.

But do accept this, that their lives begun oft-times amid beauty and in settings of dear love, are not interrupted nor broken into. They go on with finer sweep of spirit power, with magnificently increased ability to grow, to love, to rejoice and to serve both on the Spirit Planes and on earth. We all, at the right times, go often under careful instructions of our teachers, to help lift some one's burdens that are too heavy for earth shoulders.

Never for one moment is there death! Only the carrying on of life more abundant in more expansive fields and with adequacy that is beyond earth to provide. It is more blessed than I can explain to you to see the dawning glory of these shores; to catch the strains of celestial music that fill these Spirit Spheres; to feel the indescribable new lifeflow running through us; to surge with the quick consciousness of God and His presence; His life and love in us and about us.

To know that we shall never lose this glory; that we are to go on and up; to grow faster and more sturdily than earth would have permitted; to envision service of such sweep as earth minds cannot conceive; and to feel the powers of growth moving through us, is to know a majesty of joy and rapture which I cannot express to you in earth words.

It is so wonderfully worth while all the efforts we made while we were resident on earth; all the faith we developed. As I have told you before but as I feel strongly moved to say again at this time, we of these Inner Planes remember the earth life and we remember those we loved.

But as we grow to higher stature of spirit power, earth and its multiform problems seem so small. It is at best a very temporary abiding place for the souls who call it home a few short years and then fly away to be forever with the Lord. It is not good for any one of earth to let the roots of his life or love go down too deeply in the soil of this temporary home. For "where the treasure is, there shall the heart be also."

All earthly treasure is subject to moths and rust and thieves that break through and steal. Then the treasure is gone! From this High Plane of spiritual privilege, we urge you to lay up your treasure where loss never threatens; where joy never is diminished; where tears are never shed; where the heart never aches!

Can this be death? No! It is just the other side of life! The joy side; the glory side; the radiance side! I would share with you who know aloneness and desolation, this rapturous anticipation for you to carry in your heart. You and all of earth should be ready for sharing it when you lay off the old garment, to put on the glittering robes of righteousness. The Transition is so wonderful when you have made ready!

WHEN BRUSH FIRES BLAZE

November 30

The theme this time is one with which many residents of earth are familiar and yet would scarcely expect to see in a series such as this. Only occasionally is there an earth person whose spirit growth is not hindered by this of which I speak with you now.

It is a quality; no, that is not the word. It is rather a trait compounded of several traits which grow into a state of mind detrimental to one's growth in things of the spirit. This of which I speak is resentment.

How easy for it to flame and flare in one's spirit! How it burns like a fire which runs through dry brush and destroys all in its path; leaves behind it blackened ruin where freshness and greenness had been; brings no positive values but destroys much that is useful.

Many a day there comes into your own experience something which appears unfair or unwarranted or unjust, from this or that source. It cuts to the quick, inside. You blaze high, within, however well you conceal the blaze on the outside. But that destructive fire burns away your peace, your poise, your calmness and joy, often your sense of justice, until mind and spirit are filled with a welter of destruction out of all proportion to that which occasioned the conflagration.

What does it do for you? Does resentment bring you added strength for service? Does it give you fiber to endure the conflict of life with firmer spirit less inclined to yield to defeat? Does it bolster your faith in the goodness of people?

Does it help you to shed abroad into hearts of others more love and yourself to live on higher ground?

When I address these questions to you, I am not being personal to you. But I am remembering because I was present when recently your spirit was a-fire with harshness of experience which you did not deserve. You were very self-contained externally. But your heart was a smoldering fire of resentment. You did not sense my presence consciously. But don't you remember how I said a long while back, that I would be present in any doubtful or difficult moment? And this was both doubtful and difficult as a battle within your spirit. With much determination you said within yourself—not a word aloud—what you would do and would not do from that time on. The flames of resentment were wrongly set blazing by what you did not deserve but you should have extinguished them before the fire got beyond your control.

The fire was extinguished before long. But it had taken too large a toll of spiritual poise and assurance; destroyed too much inward peace, worth a million times more than you fully realize. When the flames were fully died down, you felt as if you had lost more ground in the realms of the spirit than would be regained easily.

Resentment never pays. It is a losing investment from whatever angle you view it. It never gives any spiritual coupons to clip in the way of growth in values that abide. It faces you with loss and charred remains of a precious possession.

Resentment is a composite trait. Entering into it as ingredients, are self-pity which is a sure-fire destroyer for everybody; and hurt pride; close cousin to self-pity and not worth any more to anybody; generally a portion of jealousy or envy neither of which is good company for any one to keep. Quick temper, easy to ignite and a fast burner, is part of the element which flares up often in resentment.

If it seems trivial for one speaking from these High Planes to talk of such influences of earth, I ask you to realize that whatever helps or hinders the development of soul powers in any human, is in no wise insignificant to us. Nor is any help which we can give that will be an impulse to overcome the negative and strengthen the positive qualities of good, too much for us to do. There is no large nor small where growth of the spirit is concerned. That is all that matters. For that is of eternity, with values that are immortal.

When you detect the first, faint signs of a smoldering

blaze within your heart kindled by resentment at person or experience, won't you clamp down over the blaze some such unfailing fire-extinguisher as "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters; He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness, for His name's sake"?

Or this one—"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you!" Or "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty!"

What chance could puny bits of resentment have of getting the upper hand when faced with such power? None at all! That is why I ask you to act quickly when the first sign of a licking flame of resentment appears in your heart, to see that no oxygen of encouragement is given it. Then it will die down before it is really started.

It will mean more to peace and quietness of spirit of everyone who will do this than I can express to you.

Believe me, it is most important for everybody who is fighting a good fight for spiritual growth. In my own soul while I was resident on your earth, I bore many a mark as a scar because too often my impetuous spirit yielded to these quick-leaping flames of resentment against influences which I should never have noticed and against people whom rather I should have been seeking to help.

Because I have learned my lesson, it is my privilege to be as explicit as this, for your help. You will be surprised how much faster your spirit will grow when it does not stop so often to fight foolish little resentment blazes that have no significance whatsoever.

December 1

In the brief time you have this late afternoon I give you my blessing of gratitude and appreciation, adding a few words closely related to our former theme, this time on that besetting sin of so many earth dwellers—self-pity!

This series is intended to offer to all who read, a cycle of certain cardinal graces of the spirit to be cultivated during earth residence by way of preparation for the higher life. In doing this, a few pointers are approached from the negative side as being perhaps a direct route to their real inwardness.

Self-pity is one of these conditions which often is chronic and generally acute with the one who permits it to remain

or gives it any refuge at all. The person who pities himself is ignorant of the law which proves what goodness awaits everyone who believes in God and loves Him. Doesn't His word tell you that "All things work together for good to them that love God"? And is there in this Divine law any place at all for seeing life and its factors from an upside-down point of view, instead of clear and true, as the Father intended us to see things in the world He made?

Self-pity is morbid. It daubs everything with un-natural glooms and blues. It sees the world in wrong focus, everybody distorted and everything out of joint, because it reckons from a false hypothesis and arrives at incorrect conclusions.

Nobody in God's world has any right to be filled with self-pity. Suppose obstacles have beset the days and hardships have come. Everybody has them, one way or another. Suppose dearest dreams delay in fulfillment. Others' dreams have faded or been late in coming true. Suppose others seem to have more and better than you. Don't you know that no two people have the same work to do, the same purpose to fulfill, the same blessings to win, the same goals to reach? No two!

So you are not to gauge yourself—and I say "you" with entire impersonality here—by anybody else but wholly by the opportunities which abound for making life its best possible and you, your best possible self.

Where therefore, is any place for self-pity? It belongs on the junk pile of the spirit, fit only to be put out of the heart before it is fully inside—and the door locked against it!

BLEST WITH HUMILITY

December 2

We trust you with this so important task that words are not equal to expressing what this series of messages is to mean to the world of readers. There is such reciprocity of trust, by the very nature of the condition, that each party to it is enormously profited. You grow under this pact of trust in the task which you accepted at our hands. We serve more widely because we trust you and your willingness to carry this through to completion, for the sake of your needy world and the countless numbers who are hungry and thirsty of spirit. They find no satisfaction in short-of-truth teachings that are widely offered. They will learn much that will nourish their spirits as they read these messages. So they will be most

grateful. That will be part of your reward for the grilling labor which is involved.

I want to speak to you tonight about one of the great qualities of spirit which does not have as much consideration or appreciation as it should have. But it is essential to a spirit life that fulfills its finest missions of service and of being. I speak of humility.

As you would know, I do not mean the cringing, artificial, make-believe type of humility put on for show, counterfeit and lacking all evidences of being genuine. There is no merit in that sham which names itself by the exalted name of humility. That kind is sounding brass. It seeks to draw attention to itself and to advertise its mock-modesty of spirit. Really, it is blatant in its desire to be seen and praised for its seeming self-effacing. It is not self-forgetful for a moment. It looks for ways all the while to blow the trumpet of self.

In such qualities of spurious humility, the genuine has no part, nor does it seek through ways like those, to grow in the graces of the humble of heart. So suppose in this talk we set aside the Uriah Heaps of your world, after whom I used to relish reading when sometimes there came leisure hours for browsing through books.

I would concern us this evening solely with the positive qualities of that great asset of the soul which your earth words call humility. The one whose spirit is rich in that grace, always strives to grow to taller stature, to be more wise and kind, more willing to do for others and less inclined to think of himself.

Never does it occur to the one of humble spirit that he should demand his way, so certain is he that others know more than he. And from them he would learn.

There is one outstanding quality of humility,—willingness to grant that under any circumstances there is something to learn; from every one with whom he comes in contact, something to learn; from every success, something to learn; from every defeat, something to learn!

What a teacher true humility is! The antennae of its spirit are always feeling for the new truth which it may take for service; for new ways in which it may use and adapt and adopt that truth for better value to himself and for every condition under which he finds himself in his journey through life.

How different this quality is from the spurious one of which I spoke a moment ago!

This one rings true, like pure gold! As indeed it is, the rare and precious quality of spirit with which one grows more God-like as he exercises the characteristics of pure humility.

The really great person is almost always humble, though never truckling. Because this is so, your great earth person is easy to approach, simple and unassuming, without artificiality or show-off. Such a one knows, however wise he is, that the sum of his knowledge is like the point of a pin compared to the vast universe of knowledge and wisdom which the Creator has at His command.

This does not make the man of humility discouraged or unwilling to keep on with the quest for more learning, more wisdom, more graces of knowledge and goodness. Genuine humility leaps to take advantage of every opportunity to extend the boundaries of his mind and to widen the bounds of his mental and spiritual horizons.

He treasures knowledge which he acquires and coordinates it with the rest of his precious store that he may have that much the more from which to make his life of service.

Nothing puffs up the one who is rich in humility. But everything makes him grateful. Every good thing that comes within his ken is cause for his soul to sing in gratitude to the Giver of all good. And he takes what comes in that spirit of deep gratitude that he may amalgamate each new good with the sum total of his knowledge, coming more and more to be a good and loyal servant of the Most High.

The gift of humility is one of the most beautiful in the category of spiritual gifts.

It lifts mankind high. That is such asset to the immortal spirit as cannot be over-valued. I commend to you and to all the richness of this quality which bends low to help; stands straight and tall in the integrity of its might that it may be the more able to reach out wherever there is service to render.

In appraising life, humility never questions motives of people nor vitiates their purposes, seeking always to find ways to emulate what is true and noble in every person and every situation.

Jesus was rich in the gift of humility. He knew His Sonship with the Father but never did He take to Himself anything which was not His for enriching His life or for equipping Him to accomplish His earth mission. He gave all credit to the Father and said more than once that of Himself He could do nothing.

That characteristic of great generosity distinguishes any one of real size in the measurement of the spirit. He does not seek to be thought as the source of these but is grateful for power to acquire and use them.

Only as earth people manifest qualities of true humility, can they grow in richness and goodness and Godlikeness. The sounding-brass person with aspirations to pass his counterfeit humility off for genuine, does not progress in the Kingdom of God. Counterfeit on whatever line, does not pass muster here where the white light of truth detects and reveals any flaw of moral fiber, any deviation from what is pure and good and unselfish.

Nothing is ever menial to one of genuine humility. No service is too lowly or too little known for the truly humble person to do in happy spirit of cooperating with the Divine. Here as elsewhere, there is no great nor small.

The entire test is in the attitude of the soul, whether it resents the homely experience or accepts it as a channel for doing good and for learning new riches of knowledge and experience.

Resentment is not a close cousin of humility. The two are at opposite poles from each other.

Too largely earth people misinterpret humility. Often it is taken as a synonym of lack of strength; the equivalent of weakness of character and personality; more or less a mushroom quality.

But it is not so. In true humility is all the hardiness of moral and spiritual fiber which one finds in oak timber, closely, finely grained, enduring, capable of heavy loads and susceptible of beautiful polish! The polish comes from friction, constant rubbing away of all roughnesses until there emerges so highly polished a result as reveals the fiber and the texture which endured the process of the polishing. Loose-fibered timber, coarse grained and quickly grown, does not take on this flawless, shining polish!

And so I commend to you and to all, the lessons which you can learn from acquiring and using this beautiful grace of humility. It will dignify every aspect of your life and direct your aspirations away from the superficial. It will point you from standards which are material to those of the Divine. It will show you factors that make humility of spirit a truly great asset to every one who strives to make headway toward his best possible self in his daily walk and work. It will make

him the more ready for the inevitable journey to this Fair Land of the Spiritual.

Here there is no counterfeit. Here the one in whose earth life deep and sincere humility has been cultivated and exemplified, finds himself rich in soul-readiness in proportion as he has lived the spirit of humility and glorified it.

It is not a light quality of character to exemplify from day to day. If it were easy, it would be worth less. Difficulties which attend the growth of this spirit quality are in proportion to its values. They should be highly valued and sought after by all who aspire for high rating when they come to share the life of the Inner Planes.

I wish I could make it glitteringly plain to all of you how important this character-building is, for the living of your earth days and for the life which will endure through the endlessness of eternity.

Only the spiritual counts. This of which I have been speaking tonight is a spirit quality and has immense rating in the inventories of external values.

Can you, can any one, afford to overlook this factor toward a well-rounded and full-orbed character, ready for its high place when you and they come to us?

And who can tell how soon your journey may be begun? God Himself be with and bless and comfort and strengthen you! Good night!

ADJUSTING TO THE NEW LIFE

December 3

I shall speak to you tonight more at length concerning the inter-locking of mortal life with these Planes of Immortality. They are so close together, separated only by an invisible line. Close, so close, are they, whereas earth people think of us as remote, beyond reach, out of any possible contact, retaining no memory of earth life, dead! Several times I have talked with you on this theme. But it lies so near to the deep desires of the human heart that I am repeating the general substance of some things I have previously said, in hope that repetition may help to convince earth people that we live and love and serve and worship and adore!

How true it is that "There is no death!" The only phase of the Great Transition which comes under the category of

what earth people call death, is the change which comes over the physical organism when the spirit has left its earthly habitat, the heart has ceased beating, the life blood has ceased to circulate and the body begins its process of deterioration.

That is the only part of the Great Transition which can be called "death." And even there, it is only life in some other form. For nothing created, is ever lost. Often it is changed; but never lost. Nor does any living thing ever die. It changes. And that is all there is to it.

It is natural that the body which houses the immortal part, should come to be the symbol of the spirit and take to itself such love as rightly belongs only to the spirit in its house of clay. When the body is emptied of the spirit and the change begins which is the law of nature and the order of the universe, it seems like laying away the one who was so dearly beloved.

Not so! That which was life and intellect and emotion and power to achieve, is not being laid away. Only the shell which protected the kernel. Only the clay house in which the spirit lived and accomplished its earthly end.

Recently there have been many of my dear friends from the earth plane who have fought the good fight through to the glorious end and have come in triumph up to these Planes of Great Glory.

It was great joy to welcome them one by one and to see the glow on their faces as they recognized me, one of their earth comrades and friends! They had had no fear of the journey for their lives had squared with the teachings of our Lord.

Mostly their concepts of this side of life had been of the conservative, orthodox kind and they were not prepared for the glory which they saw as they drew nearer. As their ears caught the strains of celestial music, they expressed such happiness as they never before had known. As we communed together, our souls seemed to knit more closely than ever on earth. For now we had all shed the cumbersomeness of the physical. We were as free as the birds, nevermore to know weariness or limitation or unfulfilled desires; free for all eternity to worship and learn and grow in the graces of the spirit, the while we would serve in new ways of greater power throughout the world of needy people. It has been great joy to me and I share it with you.

The uncounted millions of soldiers and civilians from

persecuted countries, who come from their unspeakable sufferings, are not able at first to comprehend what the freedom is. Neither can they assimilate the beauty and the glory which spread before their spiritual eyes. They are dazed in the presence of it.

These need much help in adjusting to the new life. And they are so grateful for it. Thus our service is indeed privilege as we minister to these in special need. Nothing which they have lacked on earth, but is here fulfilled. How their gratitude does shine forth from their eyes! Often there come those who have feared and dreaded the crossing from earth to the Ether Planes. As they experienced the rapture which awaited them and saw how without foundation their fear was, they fairly shouted with joyful relief.

Those who come illy-prepared for spiritual atmospheres, who have never accepted the teachings of our Lord nor loved His way of life, find much to amaze them. To them it is most difficult to find a basis on which to begin the readjustment from materialistic, even wicked and criminal lives lived in sordid atmospheres on earth, to these spirit-filled Planes where all is love and worship. These unfortunate ones find intense suffering in the necessity attending their readjustment. First, the will to change must be brought about. Often that is attended with great agony of remorse and rebellion. They find nothing congenial in the life to which they have come; nothing to which their hearts respond.

Yet here they are! They are the lost sheep of the Great Shepherd. They must be carefully tended and taught, nurtured in the spirit and atmosphere of love which completely fills these Planes of Life, until the old ways of evil and darkness, the old desires of wickedness are overcome. Then hearts that once were black with sin and falseness of understanding are transformed by Divine love. And they find living on these Eternal Planes one long, sweet song.

We all see that being accomplished here in many ways. Do not think that such transformation comes quickly. It is of the process of growth. When growth at first has to overcome a rebellious spirit, develop new soil out of which to grow and into which to sink the roots of new life, it is slow.

But the change does come and it fills our spirits with Divine joy as we mark each in tribute to the Redeemer Whose love transforms.

No one comes to these Planes of Privilege but finds just

the occupation, the interest most adapted to his talents. It is wonderful to watch such things work out. The one with artistic talent finds here such opportunities to portray beauty as earth has never afforded. He learns higher laws of art than earth knows. Likewise with celestial harmony. No desire of the human spirit but here finds its complete fulfilment!

These many things I tell you that through you others may learn and come to feel that this is no strange place but is in beautiful reality, home! It is home for the spirit in ways of entire satisfaction, a condition which no earth home ever was permitted to approximate. Always something was lacking in the earth home. Here nothing is lacking! And so I tell you again that it is our hope for you to use all possible influence to free their hearts and minds from the engrossing fear which earth teachings and customs have built up, to the confident assurance of this home which will satisfy. More than that, could any one ask?

It is so important that as you assemble what you wish to bring with you to this Home, you do not let any surplus baggage slip in; something which will not be to your advantage; which will stand you in no spiritual stead; something of worthlessness when gauged by the standards of spirit excellence which prevail here.

Be careful about this. No resentments, however strongly you have felt justified in them! They will weigh you down and you cannot afford them. No false sense of honesty; no false witnessing; no selfishness when you placed yourself more highly than your neighbor; no envy; no avarice; no covetousness of any good thing which some one else had!

These and all traits more or less allied, are to be cast off, while you are still of the earth, lest you forget and seek to bring them when you come to these Shores of Spirit Life.

It is not easy for the earth person to reckon constantly about future values of what he is assembling as spiritual wealth to take to the permanent Home. But he does well to remember that every one who comes here is known for exactly what he is, in the deepest places of his heart—not for any single thing which he has. This does much to change the standard of measurements for a person who is willing to think about it while there is time.

God bless and keep you; enrich your spirit; hearten and comfort you and give you all joy in service. The work you are doing in your earth relationships is far-reaching and

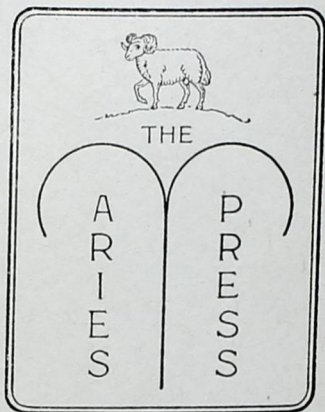
should be the occasion of deep satisfaction to you. I bless you now. And good night!

I shall come often. Sometimes you will hear me speak and be grateful for it. But when you do not recognize me, you will nevertheless feel your consciousness of peace and joy lifted higher. And you will give thanks for it. Our trust in you is implicit and we bless you with the blessing of the Most High as you carry on!

Remember, you are not alone! Call us; and we shall come!

Ambition, Destiny, Purpose, Goal,
All day march on with stately tread
Adown the highway of my soul,
Nourished by Him, our Living Head.
The day is ever opportune
To serve amid the storms of strife;
The way is ever purposeful
To magnify the grace of life.
Ambition, Destiny, Purpose, Goal,
Conserve them wisely, O my soul!

En route to San Francisco, The Counsellor composed the above poem, wrote it long-hand on a postcard and sent it to me. It has since gone widely among his friends.



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